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To

HER HIGHNESS THE MAHARANI SAHEBA,

REGENT OF COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 6th July, 1927.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

WE HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Administration of the State for the year 1926-27, to which the several Departmental Reports are attached as usual.

2. *Constitution of the Regency Council.*—There was a change in the constitution of the Regency Council during the year under report. Under orders of the Government of India conveyed in their Foreign and Political Department letter No. 5 (204)-A, dated the 3rd July 1926, a copy of which was forwarded through the Government of Bengal to the Regency Council with the Political Agent's Memo. No. 2416 J, dated the 19th July 1926, Lieutenant Colonel W. G. Hutchinson, I.A., O.B.E., was appointed Vice-President of the Regency Council for a period of two years in the first instance. He took over charge from Major C. T. C. Plowden, I.A., Vice-President, Regency Council, in the afternoon of the 20th November 1926. He was afterwards appointed to be a Justice of the Peace within the State of Cooch Behar under orders of the Government of India communicated through the Government of Bengal with the Political Agent's Memo. No. 165 J, dated the 12th January 1927.

To mark the occasion of the departure from Cooch Behar of Major C. T. C. Plowden, I.A., all the Courts, Offices, the College and the Schools of the State remained closed on the 17th November 1926.

3. *Judicial work of the Regency Council.*—The Council held 42 meetings on the Judicial side during the year under review against 36 of the previous year. The following Statement shows the work done by the

Regency Council, exercising the functions of a High Court, during 1926-27 :—

Nature of cases.	Pending at the beginning of the year.	Instituted during the year.	Disposed of							Total.	Pending at the close of the year
			Dismissed.	Granted.	Rejected.	Acquitted.	Modified.	Remanded.	Struck off.		
Civil.											
Regular Appeals (Title)	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
Miscellaneous appeals	5	4	2	...	...	...	...	1	2	5	4
Special Appeals (Title)	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	...
Special Appeals (Rent)	5	4	5	...	2	...	...	...	1	8	1
Motions	1	3	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	3	1
Miscellaneous cases	...	1	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	1
Criminal											
Appeals	3	16	4	...	1	2	6	...	...	13	6
Motions	1	13	...	3	5	...	...	...	1	9	5
Reference	1	2	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	2	1
Miscellaneous cases	...	3	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	3	...
Revenue.											
Miscellaneous Appeals	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Motions	6	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	6
References	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	2
Grand total ...	25	53	13	5	13	2	7	2	5	47	31

4. *Legislative work of the Council.*—There was no meeting of the Legislative Council during the year under report. The Bill No. II of 1920 (The Court of Wards Act) which was sent, as stated in the previous year's Report, to the Select Committee for re-consideration has since been received back with the Committee's report. As regards the Bills Nos. XI and XII of 1920 (The Cooch Behar Stamp and Court Fees Acts), they have not yet been returned by the Member in charge with his report for which the bills were sent to him as mentioned in the Report for the previous year.

5. *Executive work of the Regency Council.*—On the Executive side of the Regency Council 12 meetings were held against 15 of the previous year. Only those matters in which there was a difference of opinion amongst the Members or important questions requiring discussion in Council were dealt with in the meetings that were held. All other matters were disposed of by circulating the papers among the Members. The work in the Council is being carried on in accordance with this system for the last 7 years. The Executive work of the Council is dealt with under the three following heads :—

I.—General.

II.—Financial.

III.—Cooch Behar State Railway and Miscellaneous.

I—General.

6. *His Excellency the Governor of Bengal's shoot in Cooch Behar.*—On the 1st February 1927, His Excellency Lord Lytton the Governor of Bengal visited Cooch Behar for a five days' shoot in the reserved forests at Takoamari. His Excellency left Cooch Behar on the evening of the 5th February.

7. *Appointment of Kumari Indira Narayan as Companion to Her Highness and of Sreejut Asruman Das Gupta as Indian Tutor to His Highness.*—With effect from the 1st May 1926, Kumari Indira Narayan, B.A., was appointed as companion to Your Highness and the Maharajkumaris. Sreejut Asruman Das Gupta, M.A., B.L., an Assistant Teacher of the Jenkins School, Cooch Behar, was also appointed as Indian Tutor to His Highness the Maharaja Bhup Bahadur, the Maharajkumar and the Maharajkumaris with effect from the 1st April 1926 *vice* Professor S. P. Vaswani whose services were dispensed with.

8. *Appointment of a Salaries Committee.*—The increase to the pay of the ministerial officers of the State granted in 1922 on the recommendations of the Salaries Committee then appointed was not commensurate with the rise in the cost of living due to high prices and labour wages. It also became imperative to take into consideration the question of raising the salaries of the Judicial and Executive Officers of the State, as their status underwent no improvement since 1908 when the salaries of the Naib Ahilkars were last revised. In the circumstances a Salaries Committee consisting of the Revenue Officer as President and the Fouzdari Ahilkar and the Audit Officer as Members was appointed with effect from the 15th January 1927, to inquire into the question of the salaries of the various officials of the State and to submit to the Regency Council proposals within six months, if possible, for revision of pay in those cases in which a revision would seem to the Committee to be called for. The Committee will also deal with the question of the salaries of the Chaklajat employees and of the Darjeeling Establishment. They will also consider whether there is any possibility of a reduction in the present number of posts.

9. *A Kharita presented to His Highness the Maharaja Bhup Bahadur by Lord Reading, the late Viceroy of India.*—A Kharita from the late Viceroy Lord Reading addressed to His Highness the Maharaja Jagaddipendra Narayan Bhup Bahadur was received with the Political Agent's Demi-Official No. 1269 J., dated the 16th April 1926, announcing the termination of Lord Reading's Viceroyalty. The Kharita was presented to His Highness.

10. *Prohibition of importation of Sultan newspaper into the State.*—A daily newspaper called the *Sultan* published in Calcutta contained inflammatory articles provoking communal hatred and enmity between the Hindus and the Muhammedans. As copies of the paper were being imported into the State, it was apprehended that the harmony and the good feeling now subsisting between the two communities might be seriously endangered. The Regency Council accordingly issued orders forbidding the entry of the paper into the State.

11. *Grant of a consolidated Registration allowance to the Subdivisional and Mulkutchery Naib Ahilkars.*—Under orders of the Regency Council the Sub-divisional Naib Ahilkars at Dinhata, Mathabhanga, Mekligunj and Tufangunj and the Malkutchery Naib Ahilkar at the Sudder were with effect from the 1st November 1926 granted a fixed uniform Registration allowance of Rs. 50 per mensem instead of a commission on the number of deeds actually registered by them. This allowance is not taken into account in calculating leave allowances or pension.

12. *Training of a Naib Ahilkar in Survey and Settlement work.*—The request of the Cooch Behar Durbar to the Government of Bengal to allow the Naib Ahilkars of the State to get training in Survey and Settle-

ment work in the Settlement Camps at the British Districts in Bengal was acceded to. Sreejut Himadri Ballabh Biswas, M.A., B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar of Mathabhanga was accordingly deputed on the 6th December 1926 to the Settlement Camp at Diamond Harbar in the 24 Pergunnahs. After remaining there under training till the 31st March 1927 he has returned to Cooch Behar and his services have since been placed with the Settlement Officer to work as Assistant Settlement Officer under him in addition to his other duties.

13. *Purchase of a Motor Watering Car for the town of Cooch Behar.*—To meet the difficulties experienced till now in watering the roads of the town of Cooch Behar, the purchase of a Motor Watering Car at Rs. 3,150 was sanctioned by the Regency Council. To enable the Cooch Behar Town Committee to meet the cost during the year 1926-27 an advance was granted from the Chowkidari and the Pound Funds as there was no provision made for the expenditure in the Town Committee Budget.

14. *Extension of the supply of Electrical current in the town of Cooch Behar.*—As stated in paragraph 14 of the previous year's report, a sum of Rs. 50,000 was provided in the Electrical Department Budget for 1926-1927 for financing the scheme for expanding the Electrical System of the town. In addition to this sum Rs. 25,000 was provided in the Public Works Department Budget for that year for a new Power House. To provide funds in accordance with Mr. Eastgate's proposals, an ladditiona sum of Rs. 35,000 was provided in the Revised Budget of the Electrical Department for the year. Out of Rs. 85.000 thus provided in the Electrical Department Budget, Rs. 37,000 was transferred to the Public Works Department Budget for the construction of an Electric Godown, Workshop and office &c. The balance lapsed to the State.

15. *Public Works Department.— Works.*—There was a heavy expenditure of Rs. 8,45,967 under the Public Works Department during the year under report. The principal items of works executed by the Public Works Department during the year are detailed below:—

		Rs.
(1)	Conversion of the thatched roof of the College extension into corrugated iron roof and providing pucca partition wall.	21,000
(2)	Electrical Godown, Workshop and Office ...	14,724
(3)	Construction of Kitchen, pantry store-room, servants' quarters, &c. to the Vice-President,s house.	11'000
(4)	Water Works Scheme	1,00,0 0
(5)	Purchase of Soorki Mill and a Steam Road Roller &c.	14,100
(6)	Lump provision for Bridges and Culverts ...	19,180
(7)	Temporary Bridges for Shooting Camp ...	10,800
(8)	Construction of new turrets and certain additions and alterations to the Palace, Cooch Behar.	1,48,000
(9)	Purchase of carpets for the Palace ...	12,397
(10)	Additions and alterations to the main building at Woodlands with improved Sanitary arrangements.	53,489
(11)	Construction of 16 connected privies at Woodlands.	12,122
(12)	Additions and alterations to the main building refitting electric light, &c. at Collinton.	21,774

A provision of Rs. 8,54,976 has again been made in the Public Works Department Budget for the year 1927-28 and the following are the important works included in the programme :—

		Rs.
(1)	Construction of a Dispensary at Bamanhat ...	17,000
(2)	New Power House for the Electrical Department	23,500
(3)	Construction of a Sub-Jail at Tufangunj ...	10,000
(4)	Electrical Godown, Workshop &c ...	10,500
(5)	Prajabatshal Maharaja Jitendra Narayan Hospital	44,000
(6)	Construction of kitchen, pantry and out-houses of the Vice-President's house.	17,200
(7)	Police Barracks	47,000
(8)	Godown for Rice Mill	7,000
(9)	New Engine for Rice Mill	30,000
(10)	Mahuts' quarters	15,000
(11)	Military Barracks	35,000
(12)	Construction of quarters for the Naib Ahilkar of Mekligunj.	15,000
(13)	Furniture Godown for the Shooting Camp	30,000
(14)	Water Works Scheme	1,35,000
(15)	Improvement to the Patlakhawa Road	20,000
(16)	Certain additions and alterations to the main building at Woodlands.	10,000
(17)	Improvement and reconstruction of Emigration Road West.	20,000
(18)	Electrical Installation Sheme	1,57,000

16. *Appointment of Srijut Sumatha Ranjan Majumdar as Audit Officer of the State.*—The period for which the services of Sreejut Sumatha Ranjan Majumdar, an Assistant in the Finance Department of the Government of Bengal, were lent to the Cooch Behar State for employment as Audit Officer of the State was about to expire and the Regency Council had under their consideration the question of appointing to the post a suitable officer in Government service who would be willing to serve the State permanently. As Srijut Sumatha Ranjan Majumdar was anxious to accept the appointment and submitted an application resigning Government service, the Regency Council on his behalf moved the Government of Bengal who in their letter No. 3915F, dated the 11th December 1926 were pleased to accept the resignation of service tendered by Srijut Sumatha Ranjan Majumdar In Council Office letter No. 2275, dated the 22nd February 1927 Srijut Sumatha Ranjan Majumdar was then appointed permanently to be the Audit Officer of the State on the following terms with effect from the date of the Government letter accepting his resignation :—

1. Pay Rs. 500-$\frac{25}{1}$-650 per mensem with permission to draw Rs. 525 per mensem from the date his services were transferred permanently to the State.
2. Free quarters.
3. Travelling allowance in accordance with the State Rules.
4. The whole of his service under Government to count towards pension from the State.
5. A pension in accordance with the rule of the State.

17. *Change effected in the Armorial Bearings of the Cooch Behar State.*—In Demi-official letter No. 2167P, dated the 24th February 1925, the Government of Bengal requested the Political Agent of the Cooch Behar State to ask the Cooch Behar Durbar to supply information in regard to certain deficiencies noticed in the Armorial Bearings of the State. It was noticed that in the Coat of Arms of the State hitherto in use the supporters were a lion and an elephant. It was ascertained by reference to old records that a tiger and not a lion should be one of the supporters. The matter was considered by the Regency Council and it was thought advisable to introduce some alterations in the Coat of Arms so as to bring it more into conformity with the legend on which it is based. The Coat of Arms was accordingly altered by the Regency Council and coloured prints of the same were sent to the Political Agent for transmission to the Government of Bengal.

18. *Re-settlement.*—As stated in the previous year's report, the Ekwal Jamabundis (rent and revenue rolls) were published according to the recommendation of the Director of Land Records and Surveys, Bengal, and some of the objections made to the entries in the Ekwal Jamabundis or omissions therefrom, were disposed of by the Assistant Settlement officers in 1925-26. The rest of the objections were heard by the Assistant Settlement Officers and the appeals preferred were disposed of by the Settlement Officer during the year under report. The draft records were corrected according to the orders passed on the objections and appeals. The Terijes (or final record-of-rights) were prepared and copied in respect of most of the tenancies and the comparison of Terijes also made some progress during the year. The orders of the Regency Council, dated the 25th February 1927 regarding the revision of rates for Town and Bunder lands and the classification of the Bundars in the State were published in the Cooch Behar Gazette dated the 21st March 1927.

19. *Crops and condition of the people.*—The total rainfall recorded at the Cooch Behar Town during the year under report was 128·92 inches against 126·90 inches of the previous year or an increase of 2·02 inches. Paragraph 12 of the Annual Report of the Revenue Department for the year 1926-27 appended, shows in detail the effect of the rainfall on the several crops.

20. *Debutter Department.*—The total sum disbursed in the Debutter Department amounted to Rs. 62,357 against Rs. 54,068 in the previous year or an increase of Rs. 8,289. Details are shown under Section IV of the aforesaid Annual Report for 1926-27 submitted by the Revenue Officer.

21. *Pooneah Ceremony for* 1333 *B. S.*—The Pooneah Ceremony for the year 1333 B. S. was performed on the 13th, 14th and 15th of May 1926 by Rai Bahadur H. L. Khastgir, M.A., Revenue Officer. As His Highness the Maharaja Bhup Bahadur was absent from the State, the Pooneah Durbar was not held.

II.—Financial.

22. The Revenue (actual) of the year 1926-27 amounted to Rs. 39,85,817 against Rs. 39,27,448 anticipated in the Revised Budget of the year or an increase of Rs. 58,269, and the Expenditure (actual) to Rs. 41,25,148 against Rs. 42,40,980 provided in the Revised Budget of the year or a decrease of Rs. 1,15,832. The anticipated deficit of Rs. 3,13,532 in the Revised Budget for 1926-27 was thus reduced to Rs. 1,39,331.

The Revenue of the year under report showed an increase of Rs. 1,18,938 and the Expenditure an increase of Rs. 63,767 over the Revenue (Rs. 38,66,879) and the Expenditure (Rs. 40,61,381) of the previous year.

The increase of Rs. 1, 18,938 in Revenue was mainly due to increases under :—

	Rs.
I.—General Revenue.—	
(c) Excise	34,853
(e) Sundries	37,426
III.—Miscellaneous.—	
(d) Public Works	8,224
V.—Cooch Behar State Railway	24,420
VI.—His Highness the Maharaja's Estates.—	
(b) Chaklajat Estates	27,133

There were, on the other hand, decreases in Revenue, particularly under :—

III.—Miscellaneous.	
(e) Sundries	6,145
VI.—His Highness the Maharaja's Estates.—	
(a) Darjeeling Estate	5,019
(c) Panga Estate	7,334

The increase of Rs. 63,767 in expenditure was due to increase under various heads, notably under :—

	Rs.
I.—Civil List...	50,342
II.—Administration.—	
2. General	4,72,159
3. Revenue	44,345
III.—State Ceremonial Department ...	78,003
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VII.—His Highness the Maharaja's Estates.—	
(a) Darjeeling Estate	5,089
(b) Chaklajat Estates	8,007
(c) Panga Estate	23,331
Deposit with East Bengal Railway for Capital Expenditure	33,326

Decrease in expenditure is noticeable under :—

V.—Miscellaneous.	
(b) Allowances	12,693
IX.—Repayment of Debts	6,47,318

The details are given in the annexed Statement I furnished by the Audit Officer.

23. *Repayment of Debts.*—As stated in paragraph 22 of the previous year's Beport, Rs. 5,00,000 was provided in the Budget for the year under report to pay off the balance of the State debts during the year. Out of the provision a sum of Rs. 4,86,432 was expended in repayment of the following liabillities of the State :—

		Rs.
1.	Bank of Baroda Limited, Bombay in repayment of the 6 lakh loan	3,79,532
2.	Imperial Bank of India on account of certain loans taken by the late Maharaja ...	55,231
3.	Messrs. Lalbhai Kalyanbhai, Bombay ...	28,574
4.	Giridharimal Boid of Cooch Behar on account of interest on the loan of Rs. 20,000 ...	3,190
5.	Binode Behari Manna in full payment of his claim on account of second mortgage on the Panga Estate	16,400
6.	Oriental Gem and Jwellery Co.	2,000
7.	Messrs. Sanderson and Co., Calcutta, in connection with a suit in the Rangpur Sub Judge's Court	1,156
8.	Miscellaneous debts	349
	Total ...	4,86,432

III.—Cooch Behar State Railway and Miscellaneous.

24. *Working of the Cooch Behar State Railway.*— The following statement shows the result of the working of the line during 1926-27 as compared with 1925-26 :—

	For the year.	
	1925-26.	1926-27.
	Rs.	Rs.
Gross earnings	4,63,076	4,87,497
Working expenses	2,12,873	2,23,862
Net earnings	2,50,203	2,63,635
Percentage of working expenses over gross earnings	45·96	45·92

25. *Municipalities.* — The following statement shows the receipt and expenditure of the four Town Committees of the State during the year 1926-27 :—

	RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
	Rs.	Rs.
Cooch Behar	68,232	74,320
Dinhata	13,054	14,412
Mathabhanga ...	7,069	7,409
Haldibari	11,587	10,801

26. In the Budget Estimates for the year 1927-28 the Revenue and the Expenditure have been estimated at Rs. 40,58,065 and Rs. 41,24,243 respectively, showing a deficit of Rs. 66,178. This is not actually a deficit budget, as a provision of Rs. 3,00,000 has been made on the expenditure side to build up a Reserve Fund for the benefit of His Hignness and the Ruling family and to meet, if necessary, unforeseen contingencies such as the consequences of drought, flood or famine.

This Report is not signed by Maharajkumar Victor N. Narayan, Member, Regency Council, as he is absent from India on a trip to England.

We have the honour to be,

YOUR HIGHNESS'

Most obedient and humble servants,

W. G. HUTCHINSON,

Vice-President, Regency Council,

H. L. KHASTGIR,

Revenue Officer, Judicial Member.

Regency Council,

KUMAR G. NARAYAN,

Member, Regency Council.

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FROM

LT.-COLONEL W. G. HUTCHINSON, I.A., O.B.E.,

VICE-PRESIDENT, REGENCY COUNCIL,

GENERAL DEPARTMENT,

COOCH BEHAR.

To

HER HIGHNESS THE PRESIDENT, REGENCY COUNCIL,

COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 25th July 1927.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report for 1926-27 of the Departments under my charge. Major C. T. C. Plowden, I.A., was in charge of the Departments up to the after-noon of the 20th November 1926, when I took over the office of the Vice-President of the Regency Council, assuming charge of the General Department.

I.—ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

Charge.—Srijut Rajani Kanta Bhaumik, M.A., B.L., remained in charge of the Fouzdari Ahilkar's Office up till his retirement on the 6th January 1927. He was relieved by Srijut Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L., Manager of the Chaklajat Estates, who held charge of the office for the remaining period of the year.

2. The names of officers who held charge of the Subordinate Criminal Courts and the changes which took place during the year under review are as follows :—

Names of Sub-divisions.	Names of Naib Ahilkars.	Period of remaining in charge.	Names of Additional Naib Ahilkars.	Period of remaining in charge.
Sudder ...	Srijut Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Treasury Officer, 1st class Magistrate.	From 1st April to 20th August 1926 and from 3rd October 1926 to 11th January 1927.	.....	.....
	Srijut Nagendra Nath Roy, B.L., Debutter Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April 1926 to 24th October 1926.	.....	.....
	Srijut Sushil Kumar Chakravarti, M. A., Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar.	From 3rd April to 26th October 1926. He also remained in charge of the Treasury from 21st August to 2nd October 1926.	.....	.....
	Srijut Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B. L., Naib Ahilkar, Malcutchery, and Debutter Naib Ahilkar.	From 25th October 1926 to 9th January 1927.	.....	.....
	Srijut Siddheswar Banerjee, M.A., B.L., Treasury Officer, Magistrate 3rd Class.	From 12th January 1927 to 31st March 1927.	.....	.....
	Moulavi Ahamed Hossen Prodhan, B.L., Magistrate 3rd Class.	From 17th December 1926 to 31st March 1927.	.....	.....
Tufangunj ...	Srijut Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B. L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st to 18th April and 23rd May to 8th June 1926.	.....	.....
	Srijut Himadri Ballabh Biswas, M. A., B. L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 19th April to 22nd May 1926.	.....	.....
	Srijut Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 9th June 1926 to 31st March 1927.	.....	.....
Dinhata ...	Srijut Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April 1926 to 6th January 1927.	Srijut Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B.L. Addl. Naib Ahilkar.	From 12th June 1926 to 8th October 1926.
	Srijut Nagendra Nath Roy, B. L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 13th January 1927 to 31st March 1927.	Srijut Niranjan Sen Gupta, M.A., B.L., Addl. Naib Ahilkar.	From 20th November 1926 to 31st March 1927.
Mathabhanga ...	Srijut Uma Nath Dutt, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April 1926 to 6th January 1927.	Srijut Himadri Ballabh Biswas, M.A., B. L., Addl. Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April 1926 to 30th November 1926.
	Srijut Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 18th January 1927 to 31st March 1927.	Srijut Dwijendra Chandra Sen, B L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st December 1926 to 31st March 1927.
Mekligunj ...	Maulavi Bazley Rahaman Sarkar, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April 1926 to 6th October 1926.	.....	
	Srijut Nagendra Nath Roy, B. L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 27th October 1926 to 11th January 1927.	.....	
	Srijut Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B. L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 12th January 1927 to 31st March 1927.	.....	

3. *Bench of Honorary Magistrates at Haldibari.*—Mr. T. McMurphy held charge of the office of the Chairman of the Haldibari Bench throughout the year.

There were altogether 22 sittings of the Bench during the year against 17 of the previous year showing an increase of 5 sittings.

The following table shows the attendance of the members of the Bench :—

Names of Magistrates.	No. of days present.
Mr. T. McMurphy	21
Maulavi Dhajaruddin Pradhan	14
Srijut Abinash Chandra Ganguli	15

58 cases (46 cognizable and 12 non-cognizable) were tried by the Bench during the year against 47 of the previous year showing an increase of 11 cases.

The following table shows the details of cases received by the Bench from different sources during the past three years :—

Year.	From Mekliganj Court.	From Haldibari Police Station.	From Haldibari Town Committee.	Total.
1924-25		28	9	37
1925-26		40	7	47
1926-27		46	12	58

4. *Criminal Statistics.*—The following table shows the number of cases, cognizable and non-cognizable, instituted during the past three years :—

Year.	Offences. Cognizable.	Offences. Non-cognizable.	Total.
1924-25	1297	1034	2331
1925-26	1389	1207	2596
1926-27	1551	1037	2588

The total number of cases reported during the year was 2588 against 2596 of the preceding year showing a decrease of 8 cases.

5. *Cognizable and Non-cognizable Crimes.*—The following table shows the number and variety of offences reported during the year as compared with those of the previous year :—

Class of offence.	Cognizable Statement A, Part I.				Non-cognizable Statement B, Part I.			
	1925-26.	1926-27.	Increase.	Decrease.	1925-26.	1926-27.	Increase.	Decrease.
I. Offences against the State ...	47	53	6	...	35	37	2	...
II. Serious offences against persons	85	89	4	...	...	1	1	...
III. Do. against property..	575	584	9	...	5	8	3	...
IV. Minor offences against persons...	18	18	...	...	379	348	...	31
V. Do. against property ...	381	444	63	...	321	270	...	51
VI. Other offences	283	363	80	...	323	290	...	33
Cases under Special & Local Laws	...	...	...	...	144	83	...	61
Total ...	1,389	1,551	162	...	1,207	1,037	6	176

The following statement gives the result of the past 3 years as regards persons brought to trial, convicted, acquitted or otherwise disposed of :—

Particulars.	1924-1925.			1925-1926.			1926-1927.		
	Cognizable.	Non-cognizable.	Total.	Cognizable.	Non-cognizable.	Total.	Cognizable.	Non-cognizable.	Total.
Number of cases dealt with including pending cases of the preceding year.	1,395	1,169	2,564	1464	1,310	2,774	1,628	1,193	2,821
Number of persons brought to trial ...	1,407	1,073	2,480	1,316	1,362	2,678	1,440	1,274	2,714
Convicted	612	354	966	573	457	1,030	584	320	904
Released	381	173	554	330	148	478	589	190	779
Otherwise disposed of	254	480	734	207	662	869	125	672	797
Pending at the close of the year ...	160	66	226	206	95	301	142	92	234
Percentage of convictions to total number of persons tried.	61·63	67·17	63·55	63·45	75·53	68·3	49·78	62·74	53·77

6. *Cases not enquired into.*—Under Section 157 (*b*) of the Criminal Procedure Code the Police refused to investigate 248 cases during the year under report against 220 during the previous year.

7. *Abstract of heinous offences.*—

Murder.—2 cases of murder against 4 in the previous year were reported during the year. 1 case remained pending at the close of the preceding year. Of these 3 cases, one was not detected and two remained pending at the close of the year.

Culpable homicide.—7 cases of Culpable homicide not amounting to murder against 5 in the previous year were reported during the year. 1 case remained pending at the close of the previous year. Of these 8 cases, 4 ended in conviction, 1 was declared to be non-cognizable and 3 remained pending at the close of the year.

Dacoity.—14 cases of dacoity were reported during the year against 15 in the previous year. Together with the 4 cases that remained pending at the close of the preceding year, there were 18 cases to be dealt with during the year. Of these 18 cases, 13 were not detected, 1 was declared to be non-cognizable and 4 remained pending at the close of the year.

Rape.—There were 4 cases of rape reported during the year against 5 in the preceding year. 4 cases remained pending at the close of the previous year. Of these 8 cases, 2 ended in conviction, 1 was not detected, 1 was declared to be non-cognizable and 4 remained pending at the close of the year.

Unnatural offence.—There was no case of unnatural offence reported during the year against 1 in the preceding year.

Robbery.—13 cases of robbery against 5 in the previous year were reported during the year. There was no case pending at the close of the preceding year. Of these 13 cases, 7 were not detected, 3 ended in acquittal, 2 were declared to be non-cognizable and 1 remained pending at the close of the year.

Kidnapping.—6 cases were reported during the year against 18 in the previous year. 7 cases remained pending at the close of the preceding year. Of these 13 cases, 3 ended in conviction, 3 in acquittal, 1 was not detected, 3 were declared to be false, 1 was transferred to the head House Trespass, 1 was transferred to Natore in Government District to be tried there and 1 remained pending at the close of the year.

Arson cases.—6 cases were reported during the year against the same number in the previous year. 1 case remained pending at the close of the preceding year. Of these 7 cases, 5 were not detected, 1 was declared to be non-cognizable and one remained pending at the close of the year.

8. The following table shows the number of appeals preferred during the year with their results:—

Names of officers.	Total No. of persons convicted.	Total No. of Appeals	Order confirmed.	Appeal rejected.	Order modified.	Order reversed.	Pending.
Sudder.							
Srijut Rajani Kanta Bhaumik, Fouzdari Ahilkar ...	14	11	8	...	1	2	.....
" Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, Fouzdari Ahilkar ...	4	4	1	...	2	...	1
" Sarat Chandra Ghosal, Treasury Officer	8	7	4	...	2	1	.....
" Nagendra Nath Roy, Debutter Naib Ahilkar ...	14	7	3	...	...	4	.....
" Sushil Kumar Chakravarti, Mal. Naib Ahilkar ...	4	1	...	...	1	...	.....
" Siddheswar Banerjee, Magistrate, 3rd Class ...	5	1	...	...	...	1	.....
Tufanganj.							
Srijut Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, Naib Ahilkar	6	3	2	...	...	1	.....
" Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, Naib Ahilkar ..	3	3	3	...	...	...	.....
Dinhata.							
Srijut Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, Naib Ahilkar	11	11	4	...	5	2	.....
" Nagendra Nath Roy, Naib Ahilkar	3	2	...	...	...	1	1
" Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, Additional Naib Ahilkar.	7	3	3	...	...	...	.....
Mathabhanga.							
Srijut Uma Nath Dutt, Naib Ahilkar	6	6	4	...	1	1	.....
" Sarat Chandra Ghosal, Naib Ahilkar	4	4	2	...	...	1	1
" Himadri Ballabh Biswas, Additional Naib Ahilkar ...	11	2	2	...	...	...	.....
" Dwijendra Chandra Sen, Additional Naib Ahilkar ...	3	3	1	...	1	...	1
Mekliganj.							
Moulavi Basley Rahaman Sarkar, Naib Ahilkar ...	4	4	3	...	1	...	.....
Srijut Nagendra Nath Roy, Naib Ahilkar	2	2	...	...	1	1	.....
" Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, Naib Ahilkar ...	3	2	...	...	...	...	2
Total ...	111	76	40	...	15	15	6

9. The following table shows the distribution of work in the Criminal Courts for the year under report :—

Names of Courts.	Number of cases.	Number of persons.	Convicted.	Acquitted.	Otherwise disposed of.	Pending.	Percentage of conviction.
Sudder.							
Srijut Satis Chandra Banerjee, B. L., Sessions Judge ...	18	39	17	12	...	10	58·62
„ Rajani Kanta Bhaumik, M.A., B.L., Fouzdari Ahilkar	622	489	367	75	47	...	83·03
„ Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L., Fouzdari Ahilkar ...	244	125	63	22	11	29	74·11
„ Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Treasury Officer, Magistrate 1st Class.	52	82	27	51	4	...	34·61
„ Nagendra Nath Roy, B.L., Debutter Naib Ahilkar ...	78	126	36	38	52	...	48·64
„ Sushil Kumar Chakravarti, M.A., Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar.	43	49	10	14	25	...	41·66
„ Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B.L., Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar.	31	50	3	17	30	...	15·
„ Siddheswar Banerjee, M.A., B.L., Magistrate 3rd Class...	33	66	12	28	13	13	30·
Moulavi Ahamed Hossen Prodhan, B.L., Magistrate 3rd Class	23	31	5	14	11	1	26·31
Total ...	1144	1057	540	271	193	53	66·59
Tufanguaj.							
Srijut Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B.L., Naib Ahilkar...	12	16	3	...	13	...	100·
„ Himadri Ballabh Biswas, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	11	2	1	...	1	...	100·
„ Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	202	291	33	92	146	20	26·4
Total ..	225	309	37	92	160	20	28·68
Dinhata.							
Srijut Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	370	287	73	140	74	...	37·27
„ Nagendra Nath Roy, B.L., Naib Ahilkar	165	125	28	23	34	40	54·90
„ Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	28	57	23	13	21	...	63·88
„ Niranjan Sen Gupta, M.A., B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar	53	93	4	10	52	27	28·57
Total ...	616	562	128	186	181	67	40·76
Mathabhanga.							
Srijut Umanath Dutta, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	219	177	45	69	63	...	39·47
„ Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A. B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	159	148	30	37	25	56	44·77
„ Himadri Ballabh Biswas, M.A., B.L., Addl. Naib Ahilkar.	99	149	16	71	62	...	18·39
„ Dwijendra Chandra Sen, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar	68	110	24	21	58	7	53·33
Total ...	545	584	115	198	208	63	36·74
Mekliguuj.							
Moulavi Bagley Rahaman Sarkar, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	87	45	7	10	28	...	41·17
Srijut Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B.L., Naib Ahilkar	78	78	9	13	20	31	40·90
„ Nagendra Nath Roy, B.L., Naib Ahilkar	68	26	15	4	7	...	78·94
Total ...	233	144	31	27	55	31	53·44
Haldibari.							
Bench Magistrates' Court.	58	58	53	5	...	...	91·37
Total ..	58	58	53	5	...	...	91·37
Grand Total ...	1821	2714	904	779	797	234	53·65

10. The following table gives the result of commitments to the Court of Session :—

Names of committing Officers.	No. of cases.	No. of persons committed.	No. of persons convicted.	No. of persons released.	Otherwise disposed of.	Pending.	Percentage of conviction.
Sudder.							
Srijut Rajani Kanta Bhaumik, M.A., B.L., Fouzdari Ahilkar.	4	8	7	1	...	...	87·5
„ Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L. Treasury Officer.	3	7	3	4	...	...	42·85
Tufanguuj.							
Srijut Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	4	9	4	5	...	...	44·44
Dinhata.							
Srijut Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Naib Ahilkar	2	8	1	2	...	...	33·33
„ Nagendra Nath Roy, B. L., Naib Ahilkar.	1	3	...	...	...	3	...
Mathabhanga.							
Srijut Umanath Dutt, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	2	2	2	...	...	...	100·
„ Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	2	7	...	...	...	7	...
Mekliguuj.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	18	39	17	12	...	10	58·62

11. The following table gives the longest, shortest and average period of detention of undertrial prisoners :—

Names of Officers.	Longest period of detention.	Shortest period of detention.	Average period of detention.
SUDDER.	D.	D.	
Srijut Satis Chandra Banerjee, B.L., Sessions Judge ...	73	25	40·66
,, Rajani Kanta Bhaumik, M.A., B.L., Fouzdari Ahilkar ...	82	1	13·58
,, Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta B. L., Fouzdari Ahilkar ...	77	1	32·65
,, Sarat Chandra Ghoshal, M.A., B.L., Treasury Officer ...	35	3	9·93
,, Nagendra Nath Roy, B.L., Debutter Naib Ahilkar ...	46	1	13·25
,, Sushil Kumar Chakravarti, M.A., Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar.	4	4	4·00
,, Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B.L., Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar.	4	4	4·00
,, Siddheswar Banerjee, M. A., B. L., Magistrate 3rd class, ...	.....	.....	.....
Moulavi Ahmed Hossen Prodhan, B. L., Magistrate 3rd class. ...	.....	.....	.....
TUFANGUNJ.			
Srijut Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ... ,, Himadri Ballabh Biswas, M. A., B. L., Naib Ahilkar ... ,, Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	23	6	20·42
DINHATA.			
Srijut Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B. L., Naib Ahilkar ... ,, Nagendra Nath Roy, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ... ,, Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar. ,, Niranjan Sen Gupta, M. A., B. L., Additional Naib Ahilkar	4	1	2·50
MATHABHANGA.			
Srijut Umanath Dutt, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ... ... ,, Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar ... ,, Himadri Ballabh Biswas, M.A., B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar. Dwijendra Chandra Sen, B. L., Additional Naib Ahilkar ...	45	2	3·20
MEKLIGUNJ.			
Moulavi Bazley Rahaman Sarkar, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ... Srijut Nagendra Nath Ray, B. L., Naib Ahilkar ... ... ,, Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B. L., Naib Ahilkar ...	.....	.....	.....

12. ***Miscellaneous Proceedings under the Code of Criminal Procedure.***— The following statement gives the necessary information in regard to such cases :—

Nature of case.	No. of cases including those pending from last year.	Dismissed.	Decreed or orders passed against the accused.	Compromised.	Struck off, i.e. dismissed summarily.	Pending.	Remarks.
Maintenance	18	10	2	4	.....	2	
Right of way	68	30	7	16	.....	15	
Security to keep the peace under Sections 106 and 107, Cr.P.C.	6	2	.....	2	.....	2	
Security under Secs. 109, and 110 Cr. P. C.	5	1	2	.....	1	1	
Total ...	97	43	11	22	1	20	

13. ***Compensation paid to complainants and accused.***—A sum of Rs. 1,149 was paid to complainants under section 545 of the Criminal Procedure Code in

the several courts during the year under report against Rs. 785 of the previous year. Nothing was paid as compensation to the accused under section 250 of the Criminal Procedure Code during the year against Rs. 105 awarded in the preceding year.

14. *Unnatural deaths.*—The following statement shows the details of unnatural deaths during the year under report :—

Names of Police Stations and Out-post.	Suicide.	Drowning.	Snake bite.	Fall from building etc.	Other causes.	By wild animals.	Total.
Sudder ...	3	16	4	2	3	1	29
Tufangunj ...	3	4	6	.....	3	1	17
Dinhata ...	3	10	23	.....	4	4	44
Mathabhanga ...	.....	24	6	.....	5	2	37
Mekligunj ...	1	1	3	1	.....	.....	6
Haldibari ...	1	2	3	.....	.....	.....	6
Total ...	11	57	45	3	15	8	139

From the foregoing table it will be seen that there were 139 cases of unnatural deaths during the year against 141 in the previous year.

15. *Realisations of fines.*—The result of realisation of fines during the last 3 years is given in the following table :—

Years.	Balance of the previous year.	Imposed during the year.	Total amount to be realised.	Realised during the year.	Remitted or written off.	Balance of the year.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1924-25 ...	1,449	14,881	16,330	8,611	5,454	2,265
1925-26 ...	2,265	13,110	15,375	7,112	232	8,031
1926-27 ...	* 8,297	9,525	17,822	9,274	5,004	† 3,568

* In the last year's statement Rs. 8,031 was shown as the balance of the year. That was not correct. The correct figure is Rs. 8,297.

† Rs. 25 imposed during the year was realised but remitted on appeal.

16. *Stamps and Court-fees.*—The following table shows the income from Stamps and Court-fees in the various Criminal Courts in the State for the year under report as compared with that of the previous year :—

Names of Courts.	Stamps.		Court-fees.		Total.	
	1925-26.	1926-27.	1925-26.	1926-27.	1925-26.	1926-27.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Sudder ...	1,811	1,635	905	866	2,716	2,501
Tufangunj ...	669	592	309	247	978	839
Dinhata ...	934	917	415	483	1,349	1,400
Mathabhanga ...	707	873	401	533	1,108	* 1,406
Mekligunj ...	463	359	226	194	689	553
Haldibari ...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	4,584	4,376	2,256	2,323	6,840	6,699

17. The following statement shows the number and detention of witnesses who appeared before the Criminal Courts in the State during the year under report :—

Names and designations of Magistrates.	Total number of witnesses who appeared during the year.	Number of witnesses examined.	Number of witnesses discharged without examination.	Number of witnesses not examined and finally discharged.	Detention of witnesses entered in columns 3 and 4 for— One day.	Two days.	Three days.	Four days.	Five to seven days.	Eight to fifteen days.	More than fifteen days.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
SUDDER.											
Srijut Rajani Kanta Bhaumik, Fouzdari Ahilkar.	731	565	166	...	704	9	5	13	...	...	...
„ Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, Fouzdari Ahilkar.	334	246	80	8	311	7	8	...	...	...	...
„ Sarat Chandra Ghosal, Treasury Officer	159	146	13	...	159	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ Sarat Chandra Ghosal, Magistrate 1st Class.	43	27	16	...	43	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ Nagendra Nath Roy, Debutter Naib Ahilkar.	282	234	48	...	265	17	...	...	...	...	...
„ Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, Debutter Naib Ahilkar.	78	73	5	...	78	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ Sushil Kumar Chakravarti, Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar.	113	101	12	...	113	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ Sushil Kumar Chakravarti, Treasury Officer.	75	57	18	...	75	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ Siddheswar Banerjee, Magistrate 3rd Class.	101	89	12	...	101	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ Moulavi Ahmed Hossen Prodhan, Magistrate 3rd Class.	82	73	9	...	82	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	1,998	1,611	379	8	1,931	33	13	13	...	...	...
TUFANGUNJ.											
Srijut Himadri Ballabh Biswas, Offg. Naib Ahilkar.	46	33	13	...	39	4	3	...	...	...	...
„ Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, Offg. Naib Ahilkar.	23	23	...	...	23	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, Naib Ahilkar.	471	439	32	...	471	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	540	495	45	...	533	4	3	...	...	...	...
DINHATA.											
Srijut Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, Naib Ahilkar	414	347	67	...	355	58	1	...	...	...	...
„ Nagendra Nath Roy, Naib Ahilkar.	229	214	14	1	169	58	1	...	...	...	...
„ Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, Additional Naib Ahilkar.	140	102	38	...	111	26	3	...	...	...	...
„ Niranjan Sen Gupta, Additional Naib Ahilkar.	73	42	12	19	37	17	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	856	705	131	20	672	159	5	...	...	...	...
MATHABHANGA.											
Srijut Uma Nath Dutt, Naib Ahilkar ...	460	434	26	...	395	64	1	...	...	...	...
„ Sarat Chandra Ghosal Naib Ahilkar.	221	213	8	...	221	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ Himadri Ballabh Biswas, Additional Naib Ahilkar.	250	212	38	...	207	42	1	...	...	...	...
„ Dwijendra Chandra Sen, Additional Naib Ahilkar.	87	78	9	...	77	10	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	1,018	937	81	...	900	116	2	...	...	...	...
MEKLIGUNJ.											
Moulavi Basley Rahaman Sarkar, Naib Ahilkar	94	67	27	...	73	21	...	...	...	...	...
Srijut Nagendra Nath Roy, Naib Ahilkar.	99	81	18	...	41	43	15	...	...	...	...
„ Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, Naib Ahilkar.	174	157	17	...	147	27	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	367	305	52	...	261	91	15	...	...	...	...
HALDIBARI											
Bench Magistrates' Court	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total ...	4,780	4,054	698	28	4,298	403	33	13	...	...	...

18. The following statement shows the miscellaneous work done by the different Courts :—

Names of Courts.	No. of petitions received.	No. of processes of all kinds issued.	No. of reports heard.	No. of Robocaries received.	No. of bail bonds executed.	No. of recognizance bonds executed.	No. of Robocaries issued.
Sudder ...	2250	4758	92	337	187	294	356
Tufangunj ...	603	1596	59	24	31	79	31
Dinhata ..	1380	3075	408	48	89	180	33
Mathabhanga ...	913	5241	248	21	178	179	37
Mekligunj ...	959	1258	191	14	37	57	51
Haldibari ...	...	16	56	14	2	...	2
Total ...	6105	15944	1054	458	524	789	510

19. *Recovery of wives.*—There were 91 petitions for recovery of wives during the year against 87 in the preceding year. With 6 cases pending from the preceding year, there were 97 cases altogether to be dealt with. Of these, 58 cases were dismissed, in 23 cases the wives were restored to their husbands, in 12 cases the women denied marriage and 4 cases remained pending at the close of the year.

20. *Chowkidari Department.*—The following table shows the number of Chowkidars, Panchayets and their Collecting members employed during the year under report together with the number of villages served by them :—

Names of Sub-divisions.	No. of Chaukidars.	No. of Panchayets.	No. of Collecting members.	No. of villages.
Sudder	321	548	128	263
Tufangunj	211	213	68	126
Dinhata	875	515	58	310
Mathabhanga	450	359	67	267
Mekligunj	227	245	54	243
Total ...	1,584	1,880	375	1,209

The total number of Chowkidars was 1584 against 1586 of the previous year and the total number of Panchayets was 1880 against 1914 of the preceding year.

The system of payment to the Chowkidars at the thanas in the presence of Gazetted officers was introduced during the year under review. This has improved matters and the Chowkidars are now receiving their wages more regularly. Reluctance of the people to serve as Panchayets, however, continues, and often impedes the work.

The maximum and the minimum pay of the Chowkidars continued to be Rs. 6 and Rs. 4-8-6, respectively, as in the previous year.

21. The following statement shows the demand and realisation of the Chowkidari Fund for the year under report :—

	Sudder.	Tufangunj.	Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekligunj.	Total.
TOTAL DEMAND—	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Total amount of annual fund deduction.	1,249	846	1,395	1,750	947	6,187
2. Balance of the previous year.	423	405	699	.....	.....	1,527
Total	1,672	1,251	2,094	1,750	947	7,714
3. Amount realized during the year.	1,360	996	1,733	1,313	710	6,111
4. Amount which remained unrealized on the 31st March.	312	255	361	438	237	1,603
5. Amount of fine realized	106	247	300	214	169	1,036
6. Amount of penalties realized.	4	.....	1	1	3	9
7. Miscellaneous receipts	238	549	314	186	267	1,554
8. Total of columns 5, 7, 8 & 9	1,708	1,791	2,348	1,714	1,139	8,700
Interest on Government Promissory Notes		.....		.....	.....	401
						9,101
Refund of investment of Government papers			.....	.....	.....	107
Sale proceeds of empty cases		.....	.....	.....	.....	3
					Grand Total ...	9,211

22. The details of expenditure from the Chowkidari Fund for the year under report are given below :—

		Sanctioned amount.	Expenditure.
		Rs.	Rs.
1.	Contingencies	6,265	5,746
2.	Rewards and gratuities &c.	1,200	510
3.	Irrecoverable portions of pay of Chaukidars ...	200	8
4.	Establishment charges for the five Sub-divisions	2,270	2,111
5.	Aid to Cooch Behar Town Committee for Fire Brigade	5,500	5 500
	Total ...	15,435	13,875
	Investment of Government Promissory notes ...	.....	10,000
	Grand total	15,435	23,875

The total receipts were Rs. 9,211 against Rs. 6,544 and the expenditure Rs. 23,875 against Rs. 5,908 in the previous year. The expenditure of Rs. 23,875 in the current year includes Rs. 5,500 paid to the Town Committee for the Fire Brigade and Rs. 10,000 invested in Government Promissory Notes. The net profit of the Fund for the year under review was nil against Rs. 636 during the previous year.

The opening balance of the Fund was Rs. 28,995, of which Rs. 28,169 was in the Treasury and Rs. 826 in the Chowkidari offices and Sub-Treasuries. The closing balance was Rs. 14,321 (including Rs. 10,000 invested in Government Promissory Notes), of which Rs. 14,067 was in the Treasury and the balance of Rs. 254 in the several Sub-Treasuries and Chowkidari offices.

23. *Cattle Pounds.*—The number of cattle pounds in the State was 108 against 109 in the previous year. The Pound at Hudumdanga in the Mekligunj Sub-division was abolished during the year, as there was no bid for it.

24. The following statements show the receipt and expenditure of the Pound Fund for the year under report :—

(I). Statement showing the receipts from Pounds for the year 1926-27.

		Names of Sub-divisions.					
		Sudder.	Tufangunj.	Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekligunj.	Total.
1.	Number of Pounds ...	16	20	21	34	17	108
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
2.	Balance of the previous year.	797	89	170	1,683	7	2,746
3.	Amount of bid ...	2,284	1,874	1,277	3,484	2,771	11,690
	Total ...	3,081	1,963	1,447	5,167	2,778	14,436
4.	Amount of bid realised	1,880	1,914	1,377	2,501	2,778	10,450
5.	Amount of bid unrealised	1,201	49	70	2.666	.....	3,986
6.	Sale proceeds of unclaimed impounded cattle.	184	485	401	994	671	2,735
7.	Miscellaneous ...	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1
8.	Total of columns 4, 6 & 7	2,064	2,399	1,779	3,495	3,449	13,186
	Interest on Government Promissory Notes.	...	...	...	...	...	86
					Grand Total	...	13,272

(II). **Statement showing the expenditure of the Pound Fund for 1926-27.**

Head of service.	Budget sanctioned for 1926-27.	Expenditure.
	Rs.	Rs.
Contingencies	1,200	816
Rewards for killing dogs	170	102
Establishment	440	422
Total ...	1,810	1.340
Aid to Cooch Behar Town Committee	3,600	3,600
„ Dinhata „	200	200
„ Mathabhanga „	1,000	1,000
Improvement of Sub-Divisional Town at Tufangunj	1,000	981
„ „ „ at Mekligunj	500	500
Total ...	6,300	6,281
Grand total ...	8,110	7,621

Together with the arrear balance of Rs. 2,746 the total bid to be realised was Rs. 14,436, of which Rs. 10,450 was collected leaving a balance of Rs. 3,986 unrealised. Rs. 2,736 was received as sale proceeds of unclaimed impounded cattle and miscellaneous receipts and Rs. 86 as interest on the invested money. A sum of Rs. 4,128 was also received as sale proceeds of Government Promissory notes. Rs. 7,000 was received from the Victoria College in part repayment of the loan of Rs. 10.000 paid from the Pound Fund to meet the cost entailed by opening B. Sc. Classes in the Victoria College. The total collection was thus Rs. 24,400 against Rs. 13,342 in the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 11,058.

25. The cost of establishment and contingencies together with the charges paid for killing rabid and stray dogs amounted to Rs 1,340 against Rs. 1,489 in the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 149.

Rupees 6,281 was paid to the several Town Committees and Sub-divisional towns in the State as contribution towards effecting improvements of the places concerned. An amount of Rs. 3,455 was paid from the Pound Fund as contribution for the purchase of the Fire Brigade Engine and Rs. 3,150 was also paid as an advance to the Cooch Behar Town Committee for the purchase of a Motor watering car. The total expenditure thus amounted to Rs. 14,236 against Rs. 7,516 of the preceding year showing an increase of Rs. 6,720.

A sum of Rs. 45,000 was transferred from the Pound Fund to I.—General Revenue, (*e*) Sundries, (3) Miscellaneous.

26. The opening balance of the Pound Fund was Rs. 57,824. Of this amount Rs. 56,683 was in the Treasury and Rs. 1,141 in the different Sub-Treasuries. The closing balance of the Fund was Rs. 23,095, of which Rs. 22,082 was in the Treasury and Rs. 1,013 at the Sub-Treasuries.

27. *Free distribution of Quinine tabloids.*—There were 7708 quinine tabloids in hand at the close of the preceding year. During the year under review 4000 tabloids were received from the Civil Surgeon of the State for distribution. The following table shows the distribution :—

Names of Sub-divisions.	Tabloids distributed
Sudder	640
Tufangunj	1,265
Dinhata	416
Mathabhanga	1,360
Mekligunj	439
Total ...	4,120

The balance in hand at the close of the year was 7558 tabloids. Of these 4503 are at the Fouzdari Office and the rest with the Naib Ahilkars of Tufangunj, Dinhata and Mekligunj. Of the 33 tubes of quinine shown as the balance of the previous year, only one was distributed at Mekligunj.

28. The following statement shows the number of records received in the Record-room during the year under report:—

COURTS.		Records of regular cases.	Miscellaneous cases.	Total.
Sudder	...	1012	1184	2196
Tufangunj	...	220	40	260
Dinhata	...	526	88	614
Mathabhanga	...	412	53	465
Mekligunj	...	184	69	253
Haldibari Bench	...	75	...	75
Total	...	2429	1434	3863

29. The following statement shows the number of records sorted for destruction and preservation during the year under report:—

Courts.		Number of records of regular cases sorted for destruction & preservation.				Total No. of Books & Registers destroyed.	Total No. of miscellaneous papers & bundles destroyed.
		Total No. of records sorted.	Records destroyed wholly.	Records destroyed partly.	Records preserved wholly.		
Sudder	...	790	573	17	200	22	5
Tufangunj	...	262	188	15	59	4	4
Dinhata	...	566	447	14	105	5	5
Mathabhanga	...	479	340	23	116	7	6
Mekligunj	...	189	118	14	57	9	5
Haldibari Bench	...	45	45	...	...	2	...
Total	...	2331	1711	83	537	49	25

30. *Rain-fall.*—The total rain-fall recorded in the town of Cooch Behar during the year under report was 131·76 against 128·60 in the previous year. The heavy rain in June and July retarded the weeding operation of jute and the growth of the Bitri paddy and jute plants. For paucity of rain during September and October, Haimanti seedlings could not thrive well and also the washing of jute could not be carried on properly. Consequently the outturn of both the crops was not satisfactory.

31. *Crops and condition of the people.*—The following table shows the outturn of Haimanti and Bitri paddy in the different Sub-divisions of the State during the year under report:—

Names of Sub-divisions.			Haimanti.	Bitri.
Sudder	...	...	10 annas.	14 annas.
Tufangunj	...	...	10 "	10 "
Dinhata	...	...	12 "	12 "
Mathabhanga	...	...	12 "	10 "
Mekligunj	...	...	10 "	10 "

32. The price of common rice ranged between Rs. 6 to Rs. 7-8 per maund during the year. The prices of other food stuffs did not show any sign of depression.

33. The area under jute during the year was 40,644 against 29,202 acres of the previous year. The outturn of the crop was estimated to be 12 annas. Though the area under jute during the year was much larger than that of the previous year, yet the cultivators derived little benefit from it owing to low prices in the market. The price of jute ranged from Rs. 8 to Rs. 16 during the year. The outturn of tobacco and mustard seed was normal and was estimated at 12 and 10 annas respectively.

34. The epidemic statement submitted by the Superintendent of Police is given below :—

Thanas and Out-Posts	No. of attacks.	No. of deaths.	Cured.	Lingering.
Kotwali ...	304	136	153	15
Tufangunj ...	169	107	62	...
Dinhata and Sitai	517	114	882	21
Mathabhanga	83	42	41	...
Sitalkhuchi	76	27	44	5
Haldibari ...	137	20	109	8
Mekligunj ...	15	3	12	...
Total ...	1,301	449	803	49

35. *Public health.*—The outbreak of cholera and small-pox in the interior caused considerable mortality among the people. Prompt and vigorous steps were taken by the Sub-divisional Officers and the Medical Department to cope with the diseases. Barring these epidemics, the general health of the people was on the whole good.

Statement of Epidemics for 1926-27.

Names of Police Stations and Out Post.	Remaining from the previous year	Number of persons attacked.	Number died.	Number cured.	Remaining at the end of the year.
		Cholera.			
Kotwali ...	.....	96	80	16	.....
Tufangunj ...	.....	167	106	61	.....
Dinhata, Sitai ...	.....	59	44	15	.....
Mathabhanga ...	.....	57	38	19	.....
Shitalkhuchi ...	.....	30	13	12	5
Haldibari ...	.....	1	1	.....	.....
Mekligunj ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	.....	410	282	123	5
		Small-pox.			
Kotwali ...	.....	208	56	137	15
Tufangunj ...	.....	2	1	1	.....
Dinhata ...	7	207	24	169	21
Sitai ...	.....	244	46	198	.....
Mathabhanga ...	1	25	4	22	.....
Shitalkhuchi ...	.....	46	14	32	.....
Haldibari ...	2	134	19	109	8
Mekligunj ...	.....	15	3	12	.....
Total ...	10	881	167	680	44

36. *Tours of Officers.*—Sreejut Rajani Kanta Bhaumik, M.A., B.L., late Fouzdari Ahilkar of the State, was on tour for 22 days and spent 10 nights away from head-quarters during the year under report. Sreejut Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B.L., was on tour for 4 days only.

37. The following statement shows the number of days and nights spent on tour by the Sub-divisional Naib Ahilkars :—

Names of Officers.	No. of days.	No. of nights.	Remarks.
TUFANGUNJ.			
Srijut Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	6	6	
„ Himadri Ballabh Biswas, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar	2	4	
„ Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L., Naib Ahilkar	62	23	
DINHATA.			
„ Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	48	3	
„ Nagendra Nath Roy, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	12	2	
„ Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	4	.....	
„ Niranjan Sen Gupta, M.A., B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	12	.....	
MATHABHANGA.			
Srijut Umanath Dutt, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	28	12	
„ Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	11	3	
„ Himadri Ballabh Biswas, M.A., B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	4	.....	
„ Dwijendra Chandra Sen, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	17	.....	
MEKLIGUNJ.			
Maulavi Bazley Rahaman Sarkar, B.L., Naib Ahilkar	53	29	
Srijut Nagendra Nath Roy, B.L., Naib Ahilkar ...	24	14	
„ Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	25	7	

38. *Cattle disease.*—3712 cases of cattle disease were reported from the interior during the year, of which 300 died, 3396 recovered 16 cases remained incured at the close of the year. Immediate steps were taken by the Veterinary Surgeons to combat the diseases. Measures were adopted for prompt reporting of cattle diseases to the Thanas by the Village Chowkidars.

39. *Conduct of Police* :—

Sudder.—5 cases were instituted during the year against the Police. 1 case of 1923-24 which was then struck off owing to the absconding of the accused was revived during the year. Of these 6 cases, 2 ended in conviction, 1 ended in acquittal and 3 remained pending at the close of the year.

Tufangunj.—No case of complaint against the Police was reported during the year.

Dinhata.—As in the previous year there was one case of culpable homicide. This was against one Sub-Inspector, one Head Constable and 3 Constables and ended in conviction in the Court of Session.

Mathabhanga.—1 case against a Police Officer was instituted during the year. This was declared false.

Mekliguni.—2 cases against the Police were instituted during the year. 1 case remained pending since 1924-25. In 1 case the accused was discharged and the case pending from 1924-25 was dismissed during the year under report. 1 case remained pending at the close of the year.

40. *Conduct of Officers.*—The officers worked satisfactorily.

41. Statements A and B are appended hereto.

II.—POLICE.

42. *Charge.*—Srijut Aswini Coomer Guha, Superintendent of Police, held charge of the department throughout the year 1926-27.

43. *The enlistment and disposition of the Force:*—

(*a*) 2 of the Sub-Inspector Cadets (Sarada Kanta Dutt, B. A., and Narendra Kumar Naha, B. A.) who had been appointed in January 1925 were confirmed in the 4th grade of Sub-Inspectors with effect from the 31st December 1926 on completion of the full course of their training. 2 more cadets Anath Bandhu Das (a bonafide Cooch Behari) and Ashutosh Chakravarti, B. A., who were accepted during the year under report, are undergoing the prescribed course of training.

(*b*) The number of constables recruited during the year to fill up vacancies and casualties caused by death, retirement and removal, was 84, of whom 51 were Hindoos (14 Bengalis and 37 up-countrymen), 14 Mahomedans and 19 Gurkhas or Nepalese. Of the 14 Hindus and 14 Mahomedans, 8 were bonafide natives of the State and 4 local men.

Of the Nepalese recruits 6 were discharged or rejected and a few deserted. No vacancies remained unfilled at the close of year under review.

7 Matriculated candidates were appointed as Writer Constables.

(*c*) On the 31st March 1927, the total force represented—

(i) 2 Inspectors.
(ii) 13 Sub-Inspectors.
(iii) 1 Officiating Senior Subadar.
(iv) 1 Officiating Junior Subadar.
(v) 10 Assistant Sub-Inspectors, of whom 3 were officiating as Sub-Inspectors.
(vi) 6 Writer Head Constables, of whom 3 were officiating as Assistant Sub-Inspectors.
(vii) 9 Head Constables (Havildars).
(viii) 251 Constables, including 20 Writer Constables.

(*d*) 152 were employed in thanas, courts and treasury guards on patrol and on miscellaneous duties at the close of the year leaving 98 in the Reserve Force. 12 men were on leave and 5 sick in Hospital or were under training.

2 Sub-Inspectors, 4 Writer Head Constables, 2 Writer Constables and 17 Constables were withdrawn from thanas and courts for mobilization.

(*e*) Of the total force, 6·6 percentage was Cooch Beharis (both bonafide and domiciled) and 93·4 percentage non-Cooch Beharis.

The important features of the year's working are briefly given in the following paragraphs which will indicate the various improvements effected in the Police Force during the year under report:—

(1) Organisation and establishment of an up-to-date Fire Brigade with necessary garage, store-room, demonstration platform and telephonic communication with the belfry tower in the centre of the Town.

(2) Providing the Police with a Parade and Sports Ground and suitable pavilion.

(3) Commencement of a new double storied barrack to accommodate 100 men.

(4) Commencement of a new Police Club, the foundation stone of which was laid by Your Highness.

(5) Acquisition of a tin roofed house as a temporary barrack for the men, to which has been added a Police Co-operative Stores and small Restaurant.

(6) Excavation of the tank in the Lines for necessary supply of water to the Brigade throughout the year and raising the bank above Road level.

(7) Establishment of an Out-post at Sitai complete with staff and equipment.

(8) Construction of a four-seated pucca latrine in the Lines with arrangements for double service and sewage.

(9) Provision made for payment of house allowance to the subordinate Police Officers.

(10) Better arrangements made for surveillance of History Sheeted persons.

(11) Opening of Crime Centres and working of regular patrols in affected areas as a preventive measure to stop recrudescence of crime.

(12) Co-operation with the Police in the bordering British Districts for the prevention and detection of crime.

44. *Cost.*—The original budget provision for the year was Rs. 1,00,623 and the revised provision was Rs.1,10,232 against Rs. 1,00,531 of the previous year. The total expenditure was Rs 1,0),003 against Rs. 99,278 of the preceding year. It may be mentioned here that although an extra expenditure amounting to Rs. 5,416 was met out of the savings under the head "Executive Police", there was yet a surplus of Rs. 1,229.

45. *Buildings.*—As regards buildings, those maintained by the Police Department were repaired with the extra sanction made during the year 1926-27 but a similar grant was not asked for in 1927-28 as according to orders the buildings have been taken over by the Public Works Department from 1st April 1927.

46(*a*). *Cognizable Cases.*—The number of cognizable cases taken up *suo motu* by the Police during the year was 1260 against 1133 of the previous year. 76 cases were shown pending at the close of the last year and 1 old case of the previous year was disposed of during the year. So, there were altogether 1337 cases to be dealt with by the Police. 474 cases were sent up for trial, 443 were returned as true and 35 cases reported to be intentionally false and 49 false due to mistake of law or fact or non-cognizable. The Police refused investigation in 248 cases and 80 cases remained pending at the close of the year either with the Police or with Magistrates, leaving a balance of 8 cases only, 2 of which were transferred to British Courts, 3 were withdrawn, and 2 were struck off.

(*b*) There has been an increase of 127 cases in the total number reported during the year over that of 1925-26. This increase is due entirely to 100 cases against public nuisance punishable under Local Laws and 37 against ordinary theft.

47. *The proportion of Police to Population and Crime.*—The following table shows the proportion of Police employed on purely Police work (prevention and detection of crime) to population and that of cognizable cases investigated to population in the State during the last 2 years.—

Year.	Police.	Population.	Cognizable cases.	Proportion of Police to population.	Proportion of Police to cases of cognizable crime investigated.	Proportion of cognizable crime investigated to population.
1925-26	122	5,92,489	1,133	1 to 4856·46	1 to 9·28	1 to 522·9
1926-27	130	5,92,489	1,260	1 to 4557·60	1 to 9·69	1 to 470·23

48. *Pr portion of [illegible] Crime to Population and Crime.*—The following table shows the proportion of cognizable cases to population and area in 5 sub-divisions in the State:—

Details.	Names of Sub-Divisions.					
	Sadder.	Tufangunj	Dinhata	Mathabhanga.	Mekliganj.	Total.
Area in square-miles ...	284	223	260	334	197	1,307
Population ...	1,32,334	82,963	1,48,183	1,41,367	87,642	5,92,489
Pending at the beginning of the year. ...	19 (a)	16	14	12	16	77
Reported during the year. ...	438	73	343	221	185	1260
Disposed of during the year. ...	445	82	331	212	187	1257
Pending at the end of the year. ...	12	7	26	21	14	80
Proportion of cognizable crime reported to population.	1 to 302·1	1 to 1136·48	1 to 432·02	1 to 639·6	1 to 473·7	.....
Proportion of cognizable crime to area.	1 to ·65	1 to 3·05	1 to ·78	1 to 1·5	1 to 1·06	.....

(a) 1 old case from the previous year was disposed of during the current year.

49. *False Cases.*—The number of cases in which charge sheets and final report forms were used by the Police during the year under report, was 1000 agninst 650 of the previous year. Of these, 84 cases or 8·4 per cent were declared false.

There were 6 prosecutions for bringing false cases during the year as against 5 in the preceding year, 1 of these ended in acquittal and 3 remained pending at the close of the year.

50. *Cases not enquired into.*—The statement below shows the percentage of cases not investigated under section 157 (*b*) Criminal Procedure Code during the year under report.—

	Years.	
	1925-26.	1926-27.
Number of cases	1181	1260
Do. not enquired into	220	248
Percentage	19	19.6

The percentage remains unchanged.

51. *Petition cases.*—47 Cognizable cases instituted on complaints were referred to the Police for investigation during the year under report as against 50 cases in the previous year. They were disposed of as follows:—

Details.	No. of cases.
Sent up in charge sheet forms	17
True (not detected)	9
Non-cognizable, (mistake of fact or law)	5
False	16
Withdrawn	...
Pending	...

16 cases out of 47 were returned false without any prosecution.

52. *Property stolen and recovered.*—The statement below shows the amount of property stolen and recovered during the last two years:—

		Years.	
		1925-26.	1926-27.
		Rs.	Rs.
Amount of Property	Stolen	39,631	87,452
	Recovered	3,447	6,728
	Percentage	8·6	7·6

53. *Percentage of Convictions.*—The following table shows the result of the trial of persons sent up by the Police in cognizable cases and cases taken by the Magistrates themselves:—

	Year.	
	1925-26.	1926-27.
Total number of persons	1,299	831
Acquitted or discharged	466	283
Convicted	602	466
Otherwise disposed of	4	3
Pending trial	227	76
Percentage of conviction	56·1	56·07

The percentage of convictions remains unchanged.

54. *Remand in Police Cases.*—The statement below shows the cases which underwent the longest hearing and the names of the Trying Magistrates:—

Names of trying Magistrates.	No. of remands.	No. of cases with sections.	DATE OF Charge sheet.	DATE OF Final order.	Duration of trial. Y. M. D.	Order.	REMARKS.
Srijut Rajani Kanta Bhaumik Faujdari Ahilkar.	7	17 of October 1926, Secs. 302, I.P.C.	21-10-26	1-12-26	0 1 9	Convicted	
" Sarat Chandra Ghosal, Treasury Officer.	7	3 of April, 1926 Secs. 420, 511 I.P.C.	30-6-26	28-10-26	0 3 27	Do.	
Ditto	8	5 of April 1926, Sec. 414 I.P.C.	24-4-26	14-6-26	0 1 19	Acquitted	
" Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta Foujdari Ahilkar.	5	4 of Nov. 1926 Sec. 420 I.P.C	27-11-26	31-1-27	0 1 2	Convicted	
Ditto	5	8 of Feby 1927 Sec. 452 I.P.C.	9-3-27	9-4-27	0 1 0	Do.	
" Nagendra Nath Roy Naib Ahilkar	5	1 of May 1926 Secs. 447, 354 I.P.C.	7-5-26	17-6-26	0 1 9	Do.	
Ditto	11	3 of August 1926, Secs. 457, 420 511 I.P.C.	18-8-26	23-9-26	0 1 5	Do.	
" Manabendra Nath Bhattacharji Naib Ahilkar.	4	4 of Oct. 1926 Secs. 379. I.P.C.	3-10-26	5-11-26	0 1 2	Do.	
" Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, Naib Ahilkar.	10	4 of April 1926 Secs. 380, I.P.C.	20-6-26	6-1-27	0 6 14	Acquitted	
" Manabendra Nath Bhattacharji and " Nirmal Chandra Mustafi Naib Ahilkars.	8	1 of May 1926 Sec. 379 I.P.C.	20-5-26	25-9-26	0 3 27	Do.	
Ditto	13	5 of May 1926 Secs. 457, 354, I.P.C.	30-5-26	28-8-26	0 2 28	Do.	
" Nirmal Chandra Mustafi Naib Ahilkar.	10	2 of June 1926 Secs. 323, 304 I.P.C.	21-7-26	22-9-26	0 2 0	Committed to court of Sessions & Convicted	
Ditto	11	5 of July 1926 Sec. 447 143, 366 I.P.C	31-8-26	3-12-26	0 3 2	Do. but Acquitted	
Ditto	8	3 of October 1926 Sec. 380 I.P.C.	28-11-26	9-2-27	0 2 8	Convicted	
Ditto	9	2 of Decr. 1926 Secs. 447, 354 I.P.C.	4-12-26	24-2-27	0 2 22	Acquitted	
" Dakshina Ranjan Dhar Naib Ahilkar.	9	5 of April 1926 Secs. 147, 447 324 I.P.C.	27-5-26	17-8-26	0 3 23	Convicted	
Ditto	5	5 of May 1926 Secs. 452, I.P.C.	13-8-26	17-9-26	0 4 3	Acquitted	
" Manabendra Nath Bhattacharji Additional Naib Ahilkar.	5	9 of July 1926 Secs. 379 I.P.C.	2-8-26	23-9-26	0 1 23	Convicted	
" Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, Naib Ahilkar.	6	13 of Sept. 1926 Secs. 379, I.P.C.	24-9-26	6-12-26	0 2 13	Acquitted	
" Nagendra Nath Roy Naib Ahilkar.	7	7 of Octr 1926 Secs. 379, I.P.C.	5-11-26	26-1-27	0 2 25	Convicted	
Ditto	9	30 of Octr. 1926 Secs. 457, 380 I.P.C.	10-12-26	28-3-27	0 3 18	Discharged	
Ditto	7	25 of Octr. 1926 secs. 457, 354 I.P.C.	28-11-26	9-3-27	0 2 8	Acquitted	
Ditto	11	6 of Nov. 1926 Secs. 396, I.P.C.	3-12-26	4-2-27	0 2 3	Convicted	
Ditto	6	13 of Nov. 1926 Sec. 379, I.P.C.	21-12-26	14-2-27	0 1 26	Do.	
Ditto	4	17 of Nov. 1926 Secs. 143, 225. I.P.C.	11-1-27	8-3-27	0 1 27	Acquitted	
Ditto	7	14 of Decr. 1926 Sec. 283, I.P.C.	26-12-26	14-3-27	0 2 18	Convicted	
Ditto	9	23 of January 1927, Sec. 147, 225 I. P.C.	2-2-27	17-3-27	0 1 13	Acquitted	
" Umanath Dutta. Naib Ahilkar.	7	1 of April 1926, Sec. 379, I. P. C.	22-4-26	27-7-26	0 3 6	Do.	
" Sarat Chandra Ghoshal and " Umanath Dutt, Naib Ahilkars.	10	3 of April, 1926, Sec. 366, 379 I. P. C.	16-8-26	2-2-27	0 7 15	Discharged	
" Umanath Dutt, Naib Ahilkar and " Himadri Ballav Biswas, Additional Naib Ahilkar.	28	4 of April, 1926, Sec. 379 I. P. C.	6-5-26	22-2-27	0 9 15	Acquitted	
" Umanath Dutt, Naib Ahilkar	4	7 of April, 1926, Sec. 354 I. P. C.	14-5-26	20-7-26	0 2 16	Do.	
Ditto	16	11 of April, 1926, Sec. 379 I. P. C.	2-6-26	22-2-27	0 7 2	Do.	
Ditto	17	12 of May, 1926, Sec. 379 I. P. C.	29-6-26	1-12-26	0 5 0	Do.	
" Himadri Ballav Biswas, Additional Naib Ahilkar.	12	17 of May 1926. Secs. 143, 447 I. P. C.	29-6-26	30-11-26	0 5 0	Convicted	
" Umanath Dutt, Naib Ahilkar.	9	6 of June, 1926, Sec. 324 I. P. C.	25-6-26	30-9-26	0 3 5	Do.	
" Sarat Chandra Ghoshal, Naib Ahilkar.	8	6 of July 1926, Sec. 354 I. P. C.	28-7-26	15-2-27	0 6 15	Do.	
" Dwijendra Chandra Sen, Additional Naib Ahilkar.	16	1 of August 1926, Secs. 379, 143 I. P. C.	20-8-26	30-3-27	0 3 10	Do.	
" Sarat Chandra Ghoshal, Naib Ahilkar and " Umanath Dutt, Naib Ahilkar.	11	6 of August, 1926, Sec. 392 I.P.C.	1-9-26	29-1-27	0 5 0	Discharged	
" Himadri Ballabh Biswas, Additional Naib Ahilkar	8	15 of August, 1926, Sec. 380 I. P. C.	8-9-26	20-11-26	0 2 8	Acquitted	
" Umanath Dutt, Naib Ahilkar.	4	10 of Sept. 1926, Sec. 342 I. P. C.	28-9-26	18-11-26	0 2 10	Do.	
Moulvi Beshy Nahavum Sarkar, Naib Ahilkar.	6	7 of January 1926 Secs. 448, 395 I. P. C.	15-2-26	5-5-26	0 2 17	Do.	
Ditto	12	2 of February 1926 Sec. 326 I. P. C.	8-3-26	31-7-26	0 4 23	Convicted	
Srijut Nagendra Nath Roy and " Manabendra Nath Bhattacharji Naib Ahilkars.	12	7 of Sept. 1926 Sec. 324 I. P. C.	29-10-26	30-3-27	0 5 8	Acquitted	
" Nagendra Nath Roy, Naib Ahilkar.	5	1 of October, 1926, Sec. 379 I. P. C.	6-10-26	25-11-26	0 1 17	Convicted	
Ditto	6	3 of October, 1926, Sec. 379 I. P. C.	25-10-26	4-12-26	0 1 11	Do.	
" Nagendra Nath Roy and " Manabendra Nath Bhattacharji Naib Ahilkars.	7	5 of Nov. 1926, Secs. 457 380 I. P. C.	26-11-26	29-3-27	0 4 0	Acquitted	

55. *Convictions.*—Below is a comparative statement of the percentage of convictions in cases and persons in Police *suo motu* cases for the year under report as compared with figures for the preceding year :—

Names of Sub-divisions.	1925-26.		1926-27.	
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.
1. Sudder ...	50·6	64·2	50·9	73·4
2. Tufangunj ...	18·	63·1	9·09	32·5
3. Dinhata ...	36·4	84·3	21·4	39·1
4. Mathabhanga ...	19·3	61·4	17·6	41·4
5. Mekliguuj ...	9·	27·7	29·5	60·4
For the whole State...	36·5	67·2	31·2	56·1

The poor results in Sub-divisions are mainly due to the unsatisfactory prosecution of cases by Assistant Sub-Inspectors who are neither qualified nor are they a match against the pleaders who appear for the defence.

56. *Vagrancy and Bad Characters.*—11 persons in 5 cases were dealt with during the year under the preventive sections 109 and 110 Criminal Procedure Code against 39 persons in 10 cases in the preceding year. 1 man was bound down and 4 convicted and 1 case with 1 man remained pending at the close of the year. 2 men only were discharged, 1 man died and 2 absconded.

57. *Arms Act.*—257 licenses were issued during the year under report against 244 in the preceding year.

There were no cases instituted under this head during the year under review.

58. *Investigation of cases by the Police.*—The following is an analysis of the investigation made by the Police officers :—

	1925-26.	1926-27.
Deputy Superintendent of Police ...	2	...
Inspectors "	7	6
Sub-Inspectors "	648	547
Assistant Sub-Inspectors	195	175
Writer Head Constables	59	51
Total	911	779

59. *Absconders.*—The following is a statement of absconders :—

	1925-26.	1926-27.
Number of absconded offenders	47	45 (inclusive of 2 of previous year).
Number entered during the year ...	5	5
Number who gave themselves up ...	4	...
Number arrested	4	3
Number struck off or died	1	8
Number remaining at large at the close of the year	43	39

60. *Unnatural Deaths*—There were 139 cases of unnatural deaths during the year against 141 of the previous year. The details are given below :—

	1925-26	9926-27.
Suicide	23	11
Drowning	71	57
Snake-bite	29	45
Fall from building or trees	1	3
By wild animals	7	8
Other causes	10	15
Total ...	141	139

61. *Rewards and Punishments.*—The following table shows the rewards and punishments in the Force during the last two years :—

RANK.	REWARDS.				PUNISHMENTS.											
					Judicial.				*Departmental.*							
	1925-1926.		1926-1927.		1925-1926.		1926-1927.		1925-1926.				1926-1927.			
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Indian Penal Code.	Cooch Behar Police Act.	Indian Penal Code.	Cooch Behar Police Act.	Number.	Amount.	Dismissed or discharged.	Degraded.	Number.	Amount.	Dismissed or discharged.	Degraded.
		Rs.		Rs.						Rs.				Rs.		
Inspectors	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sub-Inspectors	8	145	9	96	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...
Assistant Sub-Inspectors ...	1	10	1	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Writer Head-constables and Head-constables.	3	21	6	35	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	1
Constables	14	41	13	100	2	2	6	...	...	...	22	2	...	...	13	6

The following special rewards were earned by Police Officers of the State during the year under report :—

(1) Constable Shiekh Lallu—Rs. 50 for excellent sentry duty in connection with the Burglary case in the Police Lines, Case No. 18 of July 1926, Police Station Kotwali.

(2) Sub-Inspector Durga Prasad Dutt—Rs. 15 for good work in B. L. Case No. 1 of 1925-26, Police Station Tufangunj.

(3) Sub-Inspector Radhasyam Chakravarti } Rs. 10 each for good work in connection
" Suresh Gobinda Biswas } with Cases.

(4) " Satish Chandra Roy } Rs. 10 each for good work in extingush-
Constable Janak Sing } ing fire.

62. *Escort.*—Treasure amounting to Rs. 24,09,000 belonging to both the Government and the State was escorted by the State Police during the year as against Rs. 22,69,148 in the previous year.

The number of persons escorted under Police escort during the year was 1592 against 1375 in the previous year.

63. *Drill and Target Practice.*—Regular Drill and Musketry practices were held for the Head Quarters Force. They attended parade on 4 days in the week, Saturdays being reserved for Route March as in the previous year. The platoon drill was in force.

On Mondays and Fridays all available officers and men at Head Quarters fell in with the force as in previous years.

The Town Police (Choukidars) continued to take part on two days in the week and joined route marches.

Target practice was held as usual in which 11 officers and 26 men joined. Rs. 10 was paid to the best shots (Senior Subadar Srikanta Pandey and Constable Saraju Sing at Rs. 5 each) as rewards.

64. *Casualties, Retirement.*—1 Inspector, 1 Assistant Sub-Inspector and 4 constables retired during the year under report.

There were 2 deaths during the year.

65. *Health of the Force.*—

(*i*) The health of the force was generally good.

(*ii*) The daily average of sick in hospital was 5·7 against 3·35 in the preceding year. This is due to the fact that a large number of these patients were received from Mofussil thanas.

66. *Good Conduct Allowance.*—At the close of the year under report 36 men were drawing good conduct allowance at Re. 1 per month.

67. *Fire Brigade.*—The allotment under the head for 1926-27 includes the provision of Rs 15,539 made in the Sudder Town Committee Budget and of Rs. 5,247 in the Revised Budget of the Police Department. A sum of Rs. 1,604-8 was also received from the State Engineer, Cooch Behar. So the total provision under the head amounted to Rs. 22,390-8 and the total expenditure Rs. 21,458-10-3.

68. *Out-break of Fire*—There were 10 fires during the year under report against 9 in the preceding year. Property worth about Rs. 5,000 was destroyed. The Fire Brigade attended each of the fire. In most of the cases the Fire Brigade was in time to deal with the fire and extinguish it before great damage was done. In 3 cases the Fire Brigade did specially good work and were rewarded.

69. *Town Police.*—The Cooch Behar Town Police consisted of 2 Jamadars and 30 Choukidars. Dinhata, Haldibari and Mathabhanga had 6, 7 and 6 Choukidars, respectively, during the year.

70. *Street Lighting.*—The Cooch Behar, Dinhata, Haldibari and Mathabhanga Town Committees possess 143, 39, 41 and 34 street lamps respectively. Their maintenance charges amounted to Rs. 3,994-0-3.

71. *Rural Police.*—The following table shows the rewards paid to, and fines realised from, village Choukidars during the year 1926-27 as compared with the year preceding:—

		1925-26.	1926-27.
A. Case Work ...	No. of Chaukidars ...	4	3
	Amount of Rewards ...	Rs. 34	Rs. 25
B. Gratuity ...	No. of Chaukidars ...	8	9
	Amount of Gratuity ...	Rs. 189	Rs. 214

Total rewards ... Rs. 510 (This includes A and B and a sum of Rs. 271 paid as Khoraki to Chaukidars).

	1925-26. Rs.	1926-27. Rs.
C. Total Amount of fines realised	398	1,026

72. A statement of inspection is given bellow:—

Names of Police Stations.	Number of times inspected. By the Fouzdari Ahilkar.	By the Superintendent of Police.	By Divisional Inspector of Police.
Police Station Kotwali ...	...	1	1
Do. Tufangunj ...	1	1	...
Do. Dinhata ...	1	2	1
Do. Mathabhanga ...	...	2	3
Out-Post Sitalkhuchi ...	...	2	3
Do. Sitai ...	...	1	...
Police Station Mekliganj ...	...	2	2
Do. Haldibari ...	1	2	2

73. *Finger Prints.*—12 Finger impressions of undertrial prisoners and suspects were taken and sent to the different Bureaus. In 8 cases identity was established.

20 finger prints of ex-convicts were sent to the Central Bureau for permanent record.

74. *Emigration and Immigration.*—129 persons emigrated from and 155 persons immigrated into the State against 123 and 218 persons, respectively, in the preceding year.

75. *Miscellaneous Duties.*—As in the preceding year the Police had to perform a good many miscellaneous duties in connection with Choukidari, Pound, Epidemic and Settlement works etc.

76. *Commendation of Officers.*—The names of the following officers are specially mentioned for good work during the year :—

1. Srijut Monimohan Ganguly, Special Inspector, (Honorary).
2. „ Panchanan Ganguly, Sub-Inspector of Police.
3. „ Upendra Nath Biswas, Do.
4. „ Satish Chandra Roy, Do.
5. Subedar Sreekanta Pandey.
6. Assistant Sub-Inspector Nalini Kishore Bhoumik.

77. *District Intelligence Branch.*—The Officers and men attached to this branch did good work. The Branch requires considerable strengthening.

III.—JAIL AND LOCK-UPS.

78. *Charge.*—The administrative charge of the Jail was held by Sreejut Rajani Kanta Bhoumik, M. A., B. L., late Fouzdari Ahilkar, from the beginning of the year up to 6th. January 1927 and by Sreejut Jatindra Mohan Sen Gupta, B. L., Fouzdari Ahilkar, for the remaining period of the year.

Dr. Dineshananda Chakravarti, L. M. S., Civil Surgeon, was the Medical Officer of the Jail for the whole year.

79. *Jail Buildings.*—The Public Works Department, as usual, did the annual repairs to the Jail buildings borne on their books. The Jail Department repaired the kutcha buildings and quarters of the Jail staff. It is now proposed to transfer all the works to the Public Works Department.

The new Civil ward was completed during the year.

80. *Jail population.*—There were 106 prisoners of all classes in the Jail at the beginning of the year, of whom 99 were convicts, 5 undertrials and 2 Civil prisoners. 337 prisoners of all classes were admitted and 330 discharged during the year leaving 113 prisoners in the Jail at the close of the year. The daily average was 102·90 as compared with 96·18 in the previous year.

81. *Convicts.*—During the year 85 convicts were admitted on conviction by the local courts, of whom 7 were re-admitted (1 after recapture and 6 on rejection of appeal), 56 were sent from Sub-Jails of the State and 2 were received back from other Jails (one from Rangpur and one from Dhubri to serve out the remaining portions of sentences. The number admitted was 153, while the total number in the Jail amounted to 242. There were 153 discharges as shown below leaving 89 at the close of the year :—

On expiry of sentence	75
On payment of fine	9
On remission of sentence under remission rules	30
On bail and appeal	31
On furnishing security	8
Transferred to other Jails	2
Died	2
Escaped	1
Total ...	153

1 convict was sent to the Dhubri and one to the Dinajpur Jail to stand their trial in cases against them.

There was 1 escape during the year from the State Rice Mills where the man was deputed to work. He was subsequently recaptured. There was also one attempt at escape from the State Rice Mills but the prisoner was instantly recaptured. Both these men were sent up for trial and convicted.

The daily average number of convicts was 92·88 as compared with 80·64 in the previous year.

Excluding the 9 readmissions the total number of actual admissions was 134, of whom 102 were natives of the State and 32 outsiders, the percentages being 76·12 and 23·88 respectively.

82. *Reconvictions.*—6 old offenders were admitted into the Jail of whom 2 were reconvicted at the Sudder Courts and 4 at the Sub-Divisional Courts as compared with the same number in the previous year, the percentages being 2·53 of the total number of admissions of convicts from Sudder Courts against 2·85 of the previous year and 7·14 of the total number of admissions from Sub-Divisional Courts against 4·28 of the previous year.

83. *Religion.*—The following statement shows the religion of convicts admitted from the local courts during the year and their percentages to the Jail population as compared with the figures of the previous 2 years :—

	Description.	Years.		
		1923-24.	1924-25.	1925-26.
ADMISSIONS.—	Hindus	44	43	38
	Musalmans	43	61	40
	Other Denominations	3	1	...
PERCENTAGES.—	Hindus	48·8	40·95	48·71
	Musalmans	47·8	58·10	51·27
	Other denominations	3·3	0·95	...

84. *Length of sentences.*—The following table shows the length of sentences passed by the Sudder Courts on convicts admitted during the year as compared with the figures of the previous year.

Description.	1925-26.		1926-27.	
	Admission.	Percentage.	Admission.	Percentage.
Not exceeding 1 month	37	35·24	29	37·18
Above one month and not exceeding 3 months.	13	12·38	15	19·23
Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months	14	13·34	16	20·51
Above 6 months and not exceeding 1 year	15	14·29	3	3·84
Above one year and not exceeding 2 years	2	1·90	4	5·13
Above 2 years and not exceeding 5 years	8	7·61	5	6·41
Above 5 years and not exceeding 10 years.	14	13·34	3	3·84
Transportation for life	2	1·90	3	3·84

There were 3 admissions of transportation for life prisoners against 2 of the previous year. They are now detained in the Sudder Jail.

85. *Female convicts.*—There were 2 female convicts in the Jail at the beginning of the year and 2 were admitted during the year. All were released before the close of the year.

The daily average was 0·20 as compared with 1·07 in the previous year.

The female prisoners were accommodated in a separate enclosure inside the Jail having a separate latrine and water reservoir for their use. Cooked food was supplied to them from the general kitchen.

86. *Juvenile offenders.*—5 Juvenile offenders under the age of 16 years, were admitted into the Jail during the year as compared with 1 in the previous year. One of these was convicted under section 183 and all the others under section 379 Indian Penal Code.

87. *Transportation prisoners.*—There were 8 Life convicts in the Jail at the beginning of the year and 8 were admitted during the year, of whom 1 was released on appeal and 1 died in the Jail Hospital, leaving 9 at the close of the year.

88. *Remission system.*—30 convicts were released during the year under the Remission System against the same number in the previous year. The maximum period earned by a convict was 1 year, 5 months and 7 days. He had a sentence of 10 years Rigorous Imprisonment.

89. *Offences and Punishments.*—The following table shows the Jail offences committed by, and the punishments awarded to, convicts during the year as compared with those of the previous year :—

	1925-26.	1926-27.
Criminal offences	1	1
Offences relating to work	11	14
" " to forbidden articles	17	13
" " to assault &c.	...	2
" " to breaches of Jail discipline ...	9	30
" " to escape	1	1
" " to attempt at escape	...	1
Total ...	39	62
Corporal punishment	...	1
Forfeiture of remissions	16	15
Degradation from higher to lower grade	1	3
Hand-cuffing to staple	6	7
Night hand-cuffs	...	2
Cross bar fetters	...	...
Penal diet	...	...
Changes of labour	...	1
Gunny clothing	...	...
Solitary cell	...	1
Judicially punished	2	4
Heavy fetters	3	7
Warnings	11	21
Total ...	39	62

There were 4 cases of offences Judicially punished. 2 were for escape, 1 for assault and 1 for attempt to outrage the modesty of a woman near the Palace garden where the prisoners were working under the charge of a paid warder.

90. *Undertrial Prisoners.*—The following statement gives the details of the undertrial prisoners :—

UNDERTRIAL PRISONERS.—			
Awaiting trial at the close of the previous year ...			
Admitted during the year :—			
From Local Courts ...	113		
From Sub-Jails ...	44		
Re-admitted on rejection of bail ...	1		
Total admission ...		158	
Total of undertrial prisoners to be dealt with ...			163
DISCHARGE.—			
Convicted (includes 3 fined only) ...		57	
Released on P. R. bond ...		2	
Released on bail ...		33	
Acquitted ...		30	
Transferred to Sub-Jails ...		12	
Transferred to British Jails ...		4	
Lunatic made over to his relative ...		1	
Total discharged ...			139
Remaining at the close of the year ...			24

From the above statement it will be seen that there were 5 prisoners in the Jail at the beginning of the year and 113 were admitted under the orders of the local Courts, 44 from the Sub-Jails and 1 re-admitted on rejection of bail making a total of 163 prisoners. Out of 163, the total number, 139 prisoners were discharged leaving 24 prisoners at the close of the year under report.

The average detention of undertrial prisoners was 21·08 days as compared with 31·24 days in the previous year. The maximum and minimum periods of detention in Sessions and Magistrates cases are given below :—

	1925-26.		1926-27.	
	Maximum days.	Minimum days.	Maximum days.	Minimum days.
Sessions cases	108	4	73	25
Magistrates cases ...	107	1	82	1

The following table shows the average periods of detention of undertrial prisoners tried in the different Courts of the State and detained in the Sudder Jail :—

		Days.
1.	Sessions Court	40·66
2.	Fouzdari Ahilkar	18·01
3.	Treasury Officer	9·93
4.	Debuttar Naib Ahilkar	15·00
5.	Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar	4·00
6.	Tufangunj Courts	20·42
7.	Dinhata „	2·50
8.	Mathabhanga „	3·20
9.	Mekligunj „	.....

Leaving out of consideration the 1 re-admission, the total admissions of undertrial prisoners were 157. Of these 128 were natives of the State, of whom 56 were Hindus and 72 Mahomedans and 29 foreigners, of whom 20 were Hindus and 9 Mahomedans.

The percentages of conviction and release amongst undertrial prisoners are given below as compared with the figures of the previous 2 years :—

Description.	Years. 1924-25.	1925-26.	1926-27.
Number of undertrial prisoners whose cases were disposed of	114	103	89
Number of undertrial prisoners convicted ...	55	66	57
Number of undertrial prisoners acquitted & discharged	59	37	32
Percentage of conviction	48·24	64·08	64·05
Percentage of release	51·76	35·92	35·95

91. *Civil Prisoners.*—There were 2 civil prisoners in the Jail at the beginning of the year. Only 1 was admitted from the Tufanganj Sub-Jail making a total of 3, all of whom were released during the year.

The daily average number was 0·18 as compared with 0·95 in the previous year.

92. *Lunatics.*—There were 2 lunatics, 1 non-criminal (Kumar Kamalendra Narayan) and 1 criminal at the beginning of the year. None were admitted during the year. Under orders of the Regency Council one of these was made over to his relatives on the 4th September 1926.

93. *Employment of Prisoners.*—The average number of convict officers employed during the year was 10.57 as compared with 7·83 in the previous year. As usual they were employed in carrying stores to and from the Jail and as watchmen over ordinary prisoners. Convict officers are employed in the State Rice Mills. 5 convict officers were punished during the year against 1 in the previous year.

Convicts were employed on :—

(1.) Oil pressing.

(2.) Crushing grains for making crushed food.

(3.) Making Ærated water,

(4.) Dâl husking.

(5.) Weaving.

(6.) Gardening.

They were also employed on ordinary Jail duties, on repairs to Jail buildings which are not under the Public Works Department and on hire to the public and State officers.

The following table shows the daily average number of labouring convicts employed on different works during the year :—

1. Jail servants including convict officers and others employed for Jail purposes	27·88
2. Repairs to Jail	2·80
3. The Palace and its gardens	3·79
4. Working on hire	3·03
5. Jail garden	7·85
6. Jail manufactures	25·27
7. Rice-mills	15·92

94. *Manufactory Results.*—The following table shows the financial result of the Jail industries during the year :—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Debits.—			
Cash in hand at the end of previous year	.....		
Value of manufactured articles in hand at the end of the previous year	5,535	6	0
Value of raw materials	2,565	5	6
Value of plants and machinery	1,062	2	0
Amount of outstanding bills due by the Jail at the end of the year under report	.....		
Amount of outstanding bills due to the Jail at the end of the previous year	3,047	9	5
Amount drawn from Treasury	11,524	13	2
Total Debits	23,735	4	1
Credits.—			
Cash in hand at the end of year	.....		
Value of manufactured articles in hand at the end of the year	637	7	0
Value of raw materials at the end of the year ...	1,839	11	6
Value of plants and machinery at the end of the year ...	843	4	3
Amount of outstanding bills due by the Jail at the end of the previous year	22	11	0
Amount of outstanding bills due to the Jail at the end of the year	3,937	3	11
Amount paid into the Treasury	21,596	0	0
Total Credits	28,876	5	8
Difference or profit ...	5,141	1	7
Average earning per head of those sentenced to labour...	55	7	8
Do. employed on industries including garden and extra-mural labour ...	143	3	6

The profit of the year was Rs. 5,141-1-7 as compared with Rs. 7,746-10-10 in the previous year which included the profit derived from the Rice Mill operation amounting to Rs. 4,206-9-4 although Jail labour was used, the Rice Mill was not under Jail management. The Mill profits are not therefore included in the profits of the Jail industries. This accounts for the decrease in profits.

Free convict labour was supplied to the Mill throughout the year. The daily average of convicts supplied to the Mill was 15·92.

The amount of outstanding bills due to the Jail at the close of the year was Rs. 3,937-3-11 as compared with Rs. 3,047-9-5 in the previous year.

95. *Jail Industries.*—The result of the principal industries carried on in the Jail during the year are shown below :—

(*a*) *Crushed food.*—The total sale of crushed food was Rs. 7,124-3 as compared with Rs. 6,371-14-9 in the previous year. The profit on this industry was Rs. 735-12 as compared with Rs. 355-4-9 in the previous year. The average earning was 9 annas per prisoner.

(*b*) *Oil Pressing.*—Four hundred and twelve maunds, 30 seers and 12 chataks of uncleaned mustard seeds and 9 maunds, 35 seers of Til seeds were pressed in the country mills of the Jail during the year yielding 133 maunds, 28 seers and 11 chataks of oil and 270 maunds 38 seers 4 chataks of oil-cake. The profit from this industry was Rs. 1,060-7-6 against Rs. 1,038-11-6 in the previous year. The daily average earning per prisoner was 7 annas 9 pies.

(c) *Ærated waters.*—9708 bottles of Soda water and 3,901 bottles of Lemonade &c., were manufactured and sold during the year at an estimated value of Rs. 752. The profit derived from this industry was Rs. 415-12-6. The average earning per prisoner was Re. 1-6.

(d) *Dâl and Wheat grinding.*—This industry was maintained mainly for the supply of Dâl and Atta to prisoners. The total quantity of pulses and wheat ground during the year was 108 maunds yielding an outturn of 81 maunds, 12 seers and 7 chataks of Atta and Dâl and 22 maunds 6 seers 11 chataks of Bhushi. The latter was partly sold and partly used as food for the Jail cattle. There was a profit of Rs. 152 as compared with Rs. 112 in the previous year.

(e) *Weaving and Tailoring.*—The profit under this head was Rs. 800 as compared with Rs. 198 in the previous year. This industry was maintained mainly for preparing prisoners' clothing and also for making Durrees and Ashans &c. for sale.

(f) *Gardening.*—The profit under this head was Rs. 827 as compared with Rs. 594 in the previous year. This amount includes the sale proceeds of fresh Date Juice which amounted to Rs. 302.

Under orders of the Regency Council a plot of land measuring 11 Bighas, 10 Kattas and 12 Dhurs belonging to the Jail was made over to the Police Department in September last to be used as the Police Parade and Sports ground.

96. *Earnings.*—The gross estimated earnings of prisoners are given below calculated at the rate of 6 annas as wages of each prisoner per diem :—

Description.	Years. 1925-26. Rs.	A.	1926-27. Rs.	A.
Jail servants including Convict Warders and those employed in preparing articles for Jail use	3,053	4	3,220	8
Prisoners employed on Jail repairs ...	428	10	324	0
Do. Do. in the Palace and its garden	386	10	438	6
Do. Do. hired out	142	8	349	8
Do. Do. on Jail garden	633	0	906	12
Do. Do. on Jail manufactures ...	2,350	14	2,919	0
Do. Do. in State Rice Mill ...	1,523	10	1,839	6
Total ...	8,518	8	9,997	8

97. *Costs.*—The following table shows the gross and net cost of the Jail and the average cost per prisoner for maintenance as compared with the figures of the previous year :—

Heads of charges.	Years. 1925-26. Rs.	As.	P.	1926-27. Rs.	As.	P.
Establishment	6,671	12	7	6,555	1	2
Feeding charges	7,349	2	6	7,160	0	9
Contingencies including Hospital charges	1,413	15	0	2,264	2	0
Clothing and bedding	2,265	4	6	3,813	10	0
Building and repairs	341	10	3	333	4	9
Travelling allowance	30	5	0	23	2	0
Total	18,072	1	10	20,149	4	8
Deduct estimated earning ...	8,518	8	0	9,997	8	0
Net cost	9,554	9	10	10,151	12	8
Average cost of each prisoner ...	155	14	3	165	13	0
Net average cost of each prisoner ...	96	13	0	96	10	5

98. *Prices of food stuff.*—The average prices paid for the principal articles of Jail diet are given below ;—

	Rs.	A.	P.	per maund.
Rice	6	9	2	"
Dâl	7	13	3	"
Attah	8	9	1	"
Mustard oil	30	10	10	"
Salt	3	0	4	"
Meat	25	0	0	"
Fish	15	1	11	"
Dahi	8	3	9	"

99. *Cost per Prisoner.*—The average cost per prisoner incurred under the different heads of charges is shown below as compared with the figures of the previous year :—

Heads of charges.	Years 1925-26.			1926-27.		
	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
Establishment	69	5	11	63	11	2
Feeding charges	76	6	6	69	9	3
Contingencies including Hospital charges...	14	11	2	22	0	0
Clothing and bedding	23	8	9	37	0	11
Building and repairs	3	8	9	3	3	9
Travelling allowance	0	4	11	0	3	7

100. *Hospital.*—54 prisoners were treated as in-door patients in the Jail Hospital as compared with 51 in the previous year. Out-door patients treated for minor diseases numbered 1837 against 2767 of the previous year. The daily average number of sick prisoners was 1·22 against 0·98 in the previous year.

The principal diseases treated during the year were :—

	In-door.	Out-door.
Malarial Fever	7	715
Dysentery	5	115
Diarrhœa and Dyspepsia	3	120
Other diseases	39	887
	54	1837

There were 2 deaths in the Jail Hospital during the year.

Water drawn from the well inside the Jail was used throughout the year for drinking purposes. It was boiled and cooled before distribution. The well was regularly disinfected during the year with Permanganate of Potash under the supervision of the Medical Officer.

101. *Inspection.*—Your Highness visited the Jail once during the year accompanied by His Highness the Maharaja of Mourbhanj. The Vice-president and the Civil Surgeon were also present on that occasion.

I visited the Jail twice during the year.

The Fouzdari Ahilkar and the Civil Surgeon visited the institution regularly.

102. *Religious Instructions.*—The local Resident Minister of the Nabadhan Samaj visited the Jail every Monday and imparted religious and moral instructions to all prisoners. Mahomedan Moulavis held religious services at special Mahomedan festivals for the benefit of the Mahomedan prisoners.

103. *Staff.*—The following staff worked during the year:—

Clerk Sreejut Haranath Sarkar served for the first 3 months of the year as Sub-protem Jailor and Rai Shaheb Dinabandhu Ghose, a retired Government Jailor who was appointed as Jailor, with effect from the 20th June 1926 served for the remaining period.

Sreejut Haranath Sarkar served as clerk for the last 9 months of the year.

Sreejut Basanta Kumar Chatterjee served as a clerk for the first 3 months and as Store Keeper for the remaining period of the year.

Munshi Talebali Ahamed served as acting Store Keeper for the first 3 months of the year.

Under the sanction of the Regency Council 1 Head Warder on Rs. 17, and 2 warders on Rs. 13 each per mensem were appointed on the 1st February 1927 as reserved Force to serve as relieving hands.

Statements C. D. E. F. G. H. ,and I. are appended.

104. *Sub-Jails*—17 prisoners remained in the 4 Sub-Jails at the beginning of the year, 324 were admitted and 310 discharged leaving 31 prisoners at the close of the year.

The discharges consisted of 186 releases and 124 transfers.

The daily average in the Sub-jails was at—

Dinhata	3·27
Mathabhanga	7·86
Mekliganj	3·07
Tufangunj	2·36

105. The following table shows the disposal of prisoners in the 4 Sub-Jails of the State.—

		Names of Sub-jails.			
		Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekligunj.	Tufangunj.
Released ...	1925-26	80	71	19	44
	1926-27	68	74	27	17
Transferred	1925-26	31	36	10	88
	1926-27	36	39	11	38

106. The following table shows the gross and the average cost as well as the gross earning in the Sub-Jails.—

		Names of Lock-ups.			
		Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekligunj.	Tufangunj.
Daily average No. ...	1925-26 ...	4·80	7·68	1·85	1·89
	1926-27 ...	3·27	7·86	3·07	2·36
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Gross earnings	1925-26 ...	11 4 0	.....	17 13 0	.....
	1926-27 ...	14 3 6	.....	18 8 6	.....
Gross cost	1925-26 ...	1,226 13 5	1,627 14 5	1,067 1 1	1,082 9 0
	1926-27 ...	1,180 15 2	1,702 14 6	1,214 15 4	1,223 15 6
Average cost	1925-26 ...	306 11 4	211 11 2	567 2 8	240 12 3
	1926-27 ...	384 10 9	220 13 11	287 6 7	392 10 5

107. *Inspection.*—The Fouzdari Ahilkar inspected the Dinhata and the Tufangunj Sub-Jails during the year. The Civil Surgeon visited all the Sub-Jails.

The Naib Ahilkars of the Sub-divisions visited their respective Sub-Jails regularly.

IV. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

108. *Charge.*—Rai Bahadur Saroda Charan Mitra, B.E., was in charge of the Department throughout the year.

As in previous years, the report has been divided into the following six sections, *viz*:—

I. Public Works Department (Ordinary).
II. Palace Public Works Department.
III. Communication Improvement Fund.
IV. Contribution Works.
V. Establishment.
VI. Chaklajat Public Works Department.

SECTION I.—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.—ORDINARY.

109. The original grant for the year under this section was Rs. 3,34,949 which was subsequently decreased to Rs. 3,32,214 in the Revised Budget.

The actual expenditure (excluding suspense heads) amounted to Rs. 3,19,420 agianst Rs. 1,32,048 in the previous year. The non-expenditure of Rs. 12,794 was due to general savings and non-completion of several works. Statement „J" appended will show the details of expenditure under the different heads.

The total receipts amounted to Rs. 9,742 against Rs. 12,219 in the previous year. The decrease was mainly due to exemption from payment of house rents by certain officers and nonadjustment of the dues of the Public Works Department by the Artizans School during the official year under report.

The expenditure under section I has been sub-divided into:—

(1.) Original Works.
(2.) Repairs.

110. *Original Works.*—The total expenditure on Original Works was Rs. 1,10,527 against Rs. 38,091 in the previous year.

The important original works executed during the year under report are briefly described below:—

Pucca well in the Rest House at Mathabhanga.—A 4' ft. pucca well in the Rest House compound at Mathabhanga was completed at a total cost of Rs. 485 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 560.

Construction of a Record Room for the Registration Department.—A corrugated iron roofed house 60' x 20' with 10" thick pucca walls with a 8' wide covered passage connected with the east wing of the Council Building was completed during the year under report at a total cost of Rs. 6,816 against the estimate of Rs. 7,160.

3' ft. diameter pucca well at the Balarampur Inspection Bungalow.—The well was sunk. The work of the platform and the parapet wall was in progress at the close of the year. The expenditure to the end of the year amounted to Rs. 349 against the estimate of Rs. 450.

Providing double Gate in the Sudder Jail.—The work was completed during the year under report at a total cost of Rs. 405 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 400. The excess was met from general savings.

Extension of the Treasury Building at Cooch Behar with certain other necessary improvements.—The Treasury building was extended towards the south by an open verandah 7' wide, together with other necessary improvements at a total cost of Rs. 3,154 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 3,750. The artificial stone paving in the Strong Room provided for in the estimate could not be done as the room was not vacated.

Construction of a Sitting Room at the northern quarters of Babu Jogendra Lal Sen's house.—A room 12' x 11' was added to the front verandah

of the northern quarters of Babu Jogendra Lal Sen's house for the purpose of a Sitting Room for the Audit Officer at a total cost of Rs. 1,660 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 1,800.

Construction of a Urinal attached to the Sub-divisional office at Tufangunj.—A Urinal was constructed at a cost of Rs. 62 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 100.

Providing pucca floor and partition wall for the Civil Godown and Barrack at Tufangunj.—The work is in progress. Rs. 195 only was spent during the year against the provision of Rs. 250.

Providing wire nets to the eaves of the Sleeping shed and Baithakkhana of the Naib Ahilkar's quarters at Tufangunj.—Wire nets to the eaves of the sleeping shed and Baithakkhana of the Naib Ahilkar's quarters at Tufangunj were erected at a cost of Rs. 131 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 250.

Construction of a pucca latrine in the Mekligunj Kutchery compound.—A pucca latrine in the Mekligunj Kutchery compound was constructed at a cost of Rs. 255 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 300.

Providing pucca floor to the sleeping house and country well to the Compounder's quarters at Haldibari.—The bed room of the compounder's quarters at Haldibari was provided with a pucca floor and wall, and a country well was sunk in the compound at a cost of Rs. 453 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 500.

Pucca latrine in the Rest House compound at Mathabhanga.—A pucca latrine 4′−6″ × 4′ was constructed in the Rest House compound at a cost of Rs. 292 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 350.

Pucca floor of the Mathabhanga Inspection Bungalow.—The Inspection Bungalow at Mathabhanga was provided with pucca floor at a cost of Rs. 230 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 250.

Pucca plinth and floor of the Servants' shed attached to the Boarding house at Dinhata.—The servants' shed attached to the Boarding house at Dinhata was provided with pucca plinth and floor at a cost of Rs. 244 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 250.

Pucca plinth, floor and wall of Nezarat Godown attached to the Sub-divisional Office at Dinhata.—The work was completed at a cost of Rs. 645 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 800.

4′ ft. diameter pucca well in the Lock-up compound at Dinhata.—The work is in progress. Rs. 375 was spent during the year against an estimate of Rs. 500.

Extension and Improvement of European Cemetery.—The existing enclosure wall was raised up to 7′ft. with broken glass on top and was extended towards the west by 60′−3″ at a cost of Rs. 3,498 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 3,549.

Providing windows to the Audit Office.—Two pairs of glazed windows were provided at a cost of Rs. 180 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 200.

Furniture for the Vice-President.—Furniture to the value of Rs. 5,157 was purchased during the year under report for the Vice-President's house.

Furniture for the Revenue Officer.—Articles of furniture worth Rs. 990 were purchased during the year for the Revenue Officer of the State.

Construction of a Ward in the Lock-up at Mekligunj.—The work is in progress. Rs. 2,617 was spent during the year against the provision of Rs. 3,000 and the estimate of Rs. 7,500. The balance has been provided in the current year's Budget

Conversion of the thatched roof of College extension into corrugated iron roof and providing pucca partition wall.—The thatched shed of the College was converted into a corrugated iron shed with pucca

walls and provided with additional accommodation for the classes by extending the building towards the east and the west. One of the two tiled wings was also reconstructed with corrugated iron roofing and pucca walls. The second wing could not be taken in hand as the materials could not be procured in time. Rs. 20,125 was spent during the year against the provision of Rs. 21,000 and Rs. 27,770 of the sanctioned estimate. The work is in progress.

Converting the existing Lock-up of the Sudder Police Station into a Malkhana and providing a separate double seated lock-up in the same room.—The existing Lock-up in the Sudder Police Station was converted into a Malkhana and a separate double seated lock-up was provided in the same room at a cost of Rs. 120 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 200.

Providing windows with iron gratings for the central room which is now used as the Constables' Barrack.—4 venetian windows with iron gratings were provided in the central room of the Sudder Police Station at a cost of Rs. 233 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 300.

Construction of a masonry Ejlash for the Assistant Civil Judge.—A masonry Ejlash was constructed at a cost of Rs. 210 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 200. The excess was met from general savings.

Certain additions and alterations to the Reserve Police line at Cooch Behar.—The work is in progress. Rs. 1,068 was spent during the year against the estimate of Rs. 1,600.

Construction of a masonry Ejlash for the Sudder Sub-Registrar.—A pucca Ejlash with wooden railing was constructed at a cost of Rs. 109 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 104. The excess was met from general savings.

Improving the Dâk Bungalow at Cooch Behar.—The wooden posts of the verandah were replaced by R. S. Joist posts, the compound was provided with barbed wire fencing, the ceilings in the front portico and verandahs were provided with asbestos ceilings and the planked floor and walls were partly renewed; besides, other petty improvements were done at a cost of Rs. 2,755 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 3,000.

Construction of a New Power House for the Electrical Department—Rs. 5,583 was spent during the year under report against the provision of Rs. 6,000. The work is in progress.

Construction of a Guard House and Kitchen close to the Strong room of the Treasury building at Sudder for the Police Treasury Guards.—The work is in progress. Rs. 2,107 was spent during the year under report in constructing the Guard House. The work on the Kitchen could not be taken in hand as the site for the same could not be selected.

Construction of a Godown for the Tools and plant of the Public Works Department.—Rs. 1,976 was spent during the year under report in constructing pucca plinth and floor and fixing iron posts. The project has been kept in abeyance for the present.

Reconstruction of the Mekligunj Dâk-Bungalow (as a pucca building.)—The work is in progress. Rs. 4,469 was spent during the year against the provision of Rs. 6,500.

Outside Soorkee pointing of Maharajkumar Victor N. Narayan's house.—The work was completed at a cost of Rs. 603 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 638.

Outside Soorkee pointing of the Lansdowne Hall.—The work was completed at a cost of Rs. 653 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 710.

Completion of the corrugated iron roofed house of the Jenkins School by providing pucca partitions, asbestos ceiling and pucca floor for the verandah.—The work was completed at a cost of Rs. 4,409 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 4,700.

Reconstruction of the cook shed and 4-seated pucca latrine in the Police lines at Sudder.—A cook shed 50'-10" × 14-10" with 5' brick wall up to 3' height consisting of 10 compartments of 10' × 5' each and a 4-seated pucca latrine, each compartment measuring 4' × 4', were constructed at a cost of Rs. 3,701 against the provision of Rs. 3,800.

Improvement of the house of the Principal, Victoria College.—The quarters of the Principal, Victoria College, were improved at a cost of Rs. 1,267 against the provision of Rs. 1,456.

Pavilion over the pucca Ghat in front of Madan Mohan Thakurbari.—The work is in progress. Rs. 766 only was spent during the year against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 1,803.

Extension of Nohabatkhana in the Madan Mohan Thakurbari.—The work is in progress. Rs. 1,189 was spent during the year against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 2,660. The balance has been provided in the current year's Budget.

Certain additions and alterations to Her Highness the Dowager Maharani's House.—The following works were carried out during the year at a cost of Rs. 6,406 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 8,325 :—

(1) A motor shed 20' × 18' with brick-on-edge flooring, 5' masonry walls and corrugated iron roofing.

(2) A pucca portico 21'-4" × 17'-9" and a verandah 27'-10" × 5' on the western side of the building.

(3) A Sweepers' shed 15' × 10' with corrugated iron roofing and mat walls.

(4) The bathroom in the north-east corner of the 1st floor of main building was enlarged, the steps on the southern bath room was dismantled and rebuilt. Wooden Jhilmills were provided on the eastern and western verandahs; besides, other petty works were done.

(5) One 2' ft. diameter masonry culvert on the approach of the road with pucca gate pillars and gates and new metalled drive from the old gate to the new gate were carried out.

(6) A fowl shed 12' × 12' × 6' was erected in front of the existing fowl shed.

(7) An additional room 8' × 7' with corrugated iron roof and terraced floor was added to the Kitchen.

Pucca latrine in the Rest House compound at Tufangunj.—A pucca latrine 4'-6" × 4' was constructed in the compound of the Rest House at Tufangunj at a cost of Rs. 283 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 304.

Sinking a 3' diameter pucca well at Torsapir Dham.—The work is in progress. Rs. 354 was spent during the year against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 450.

2-seated latrine in the compound of the Vice-President's house.—A 2-seated pucca latrine 4'-2½" square with corrugated iron roofing, pucca plinth and walls was constructed at a cost of Rs. 391 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 410.

Certain improvements to the old Post Office building at Cooch Behar.—The following improvements were made to the main building besides thorough repairs to the out-houses.

The existing skylight over the main room was widened ; 3 windows of a larger size with iron gratings and a door were provided. Ventilators were also provided in all the rooms.

A new corrugated iron roofed bathroom 9' × 5'-9" with pucca walls was added to the building.

A tube well with pucca platform and concrete drains was provided. The compound was enclosed with barbed wire fencing. The total cost came to Rs. 1,415 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 1,525.

Electrical Godown, Workshop and Office, etc.—The work is in progress. Rs. 12,833 were spent during the year against the part provision of Rs. 14,724.

Servants' quarters and covered passage for the Vice-President's house.—The work is in progress. Rs. 3,942 was spent during the year against the provision of Rs. 4,000.

Motor Garage with washing place for the Vice-President.—The work has been completed but finial adjustment not made. Total expenditure to end of March 1927 amounted to Rs. 278.

Iron gratings to the windows of the 1st floor of the house occupied by the State Engineer.—The windows in the 1st floor of the house occupied by the State Engineer were provided with iron gratings at a cost of Rs. 142 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 150.

Providing lightning conductors to the Dowager Maharani's house occupied by the Revenue Officer.—Lightning conductors were provided to Her Highness the Dowager Maharani's house at a cost of Rs. 633 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 742.

Providing thatched Bungalow and Kitchen at the Shooting Camp at Takuamari.—A thatched Bungalow and a kitchen were constructed at a cost of Rs. 589 against the provision of Rs. 600.

Completion of the unfinished sheds for the Fire Brigade and the Crew.—The works of the unfininshed sheds for the Fire Brigade and the Crew were completed at a cost of Rs. 1,604 against the provision of Rs. 1,605.

Construction of the Kitchen, Pantry and Store Room for the Vice-President's hause.—The work is in progress. Rs. 5,634 was spent during the year out of the provision of Rs. 7,000.

Pucca Staircase in the Madan Mohan Temple.—A pucca staircase for the Nahabatkhana of the Madan Mohan Thakurbari was constructed at a cost of Rs. 420 against the provision of Rs. 540.

111. *Forest in General.*—A list of forests in the State maintained by Public Works Department is given below. All the forests mentioned therein were maintained according to the need of each. The total cost was Rs. 605 against the provision of Rs. 500. The excess was met from general savings.—

Serial No.	Locality.	Class of Forest.	Natural or cultural.	Areas.		
				B.	K.	Cb.
1.	Nilkuty	Sisoo.	Cultural.	125	0	0
2.	Do.	Do.	Do.	121	0	0
3.	Do.	Do.	Do.	2	15	0
4.	Peelkhana	Do.	Do.	0	18	0
5.	Charakerkuty	Do.	Do.	585	6	12
6.	Ghegirghat Natuarpar ...	Do.	Do.	300	1	18
7.	Nahabganj Balasi	Do.	Do.	178	13	7
8.	Torsa Char Forest	Do.	Natural.	17	0	4
9.	Kholta	Do.	Cultural.	8	0	0
10.	Bogribari	Do.	Do.	10	0	0
11.	Gossanimari	Sâl.	Natural.	67	0	0
12.	Jigabari	Do.	Do.	1	15	0
13.	Natabari (Charaljani) ...	Do.	Do.	57	0	0
14.	Charan Sathalee	Do.	Do.	67	0	0
15.	Chota Salbari	Do.	Do.	2	15	0
16.	Bara Salbari	Do.	Do.	50	0	0
17.	Nilkuty	Do.	Cultural.	1	0	0
18.	Do.	Do.	Do.	7	0	0
19.	Mathabhanga Balarhat ...	Do.	Natural.	38	15	0
20.	Teldhar Bodeswari	Do.	Do.	261	2	0
21.	Garati	Do.	Do.	124	0	0
22.	Nilkuty	Teak.	Cultural.	3	0	0
23.	Peelkhana	Do.	Do.	2	5	0
24.	Dowaguri	Do.	Do.	3	0	0
25.	Nilkuty	Do.	Do.	8	2	0
26.	Talliguri	Do.	Do.	3	0	0
27.	Kholta	Do.	Do.	6	0	0
			Total ...	2051	9	9

112. *Planting and Protecting trees.*—A number of new plantations were made and old plants were provided with bamboo gabions at a cost of Rs. 702 against the provision of Rs. 1,000.

113. *Repairs.*—The subjoined statement will show the expenditure on repairs for the last three years.

The total expenditure under repairs amounted to Rs. 1,49,994 against the provision of Rs. 1,49,400.

Class of building.	*Expenditure for* 1924-25.			*Expenditure for* 1925-26.			*Expenditure for* 1926-27.		
	Annual.	Petty.	Total.	Annual.	Petty.	Total.	Annual.	Petty.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I. Private Residences ...	7,534	298	7,832	14,702	561	15,263	12,678	138	12,816
II. Court Houses ...	3,771	40	3,811	3,621	44	3,665	3,756	32	3,788
III. Medical	1,797	....	1,797	2,183	199	2,382	2,344	42	2,386
IV. Educational ...	6,265	578	6,843	7,300	.....	7,300	7,132	641	7,773
V. Police and Military ...	1,162	216	1,378	1,336	200	1,536	1,359	104	1,463
VI. Government Offices—Post & Telegraph Offices &c.	.....	79	79	228	.....	228	284	.....	284
VII. Public Works ...	1,567	465	2,032	887	.....	887	861	.....	861
VIII. Dâk-Bungalows ...	1,584	.....	1,584	1,444	.....	1,444	1,594	.....	1,594
IX. Religious and Ecclesiastical.	3,883	53	3,936	2,747	224	2,971	3,119	.....	3,119
X. Jail and Lock-ups ...	1,268	45	1,313	1,662	.....	1,662	1,400	.....	1,400
XI. Miscellaneous ...	4,403	99	4,502	3,319	79	3,398	4,054	157	4,211
XII. Miscellaneous Public Improvement.	948	90	1,038	14,954	.....	14,954	110299	.....	110299
Total ...	34,182	1,963	36,145	54,383	1,307	55,690	148880	1,114	149994

Private Residences.—General repairs were done to all the buildings classified under column 1 of the foregoing statement at a cost of Rs. 1,49,994 against the provision of Rs. 1,49,400, the excess which was due to miscellaneous articles for the Water-works, being met by re-appropriation.

Miscellaneous Public Improvement.—Steps were taken for the protection of the Race course, Polo ground and Cemetery from the erosion of the river.

The anti-cholera wells and tube-wells were repaired and 50 tube-wells sunk in the neighbouring taluks under the Water Supply Scheme were maintained.

Prices of miscellaneous articles for the Water Works and bills for works done for the Water Tower were paid under the head Miscellaneous Public Improvement.

Tools and Plants.—The undermentioned Tools and Plants were purchased at a cost of Rs. 15,962 against the provision Rs. 14,100. Repairs to

Tools and Plants were done at a cost of Rs. 1,757 against the provision of Rs. 1,000 :—

Ferro printing Apparatus	1 set
Hairbelting 6" wide	200 Rft.
Black Tarpaulin 12' × 6'	4 Nos.
Metallic Measuring Tape 50'	4 „
Double purchase Crabwinch 4 ton capacity ...	2 „
Soorki Mill with 7' diameter pan	1 „
C. I. Monkey with Triggers	3 „
Capstan	1 „
Pile Engines	3 „
Clyburn spanner 10"	1 „
Manilla rope 1½" diameter	300 Rft.
Do. 1¼" „	150 „
Double sheave pulley block	3 Nos.
Rachet Brace 20"...	3 „
Do. 16"...	3 „
Snatch block 9" diameter sheave	1 No.
Kodali	5 Nos.
Pulley block 8" sheave	1 No.
Steel wire rope ¾" diameter	1½ cwt.
Steam Road Roller	1 No.
Drawing Tables	2 Nos.
Writing Tables	2 „
Office chairs	11 „
Whatnot	2 „
Letter Cabinet	1 No.
Drawing Scales	8 Nos.
Plummer block	2 „
Minor Tools	1 item

SECTION II—PALACE.

114. The original grant for the year under report was Rs. 1,35,491. This was increased to Rs. 3,19,588 in the Revised Budget owing to several additional work executed. The actual expenditure amounted to Rs. 2,96,142 against Rs. 89,453 of the previous year *vide* Statement "K" enclosed.

The Palace Public Works Department has been sub-divided into three main heads :—

I. Cooch Behar Palace.

II. Woodlands.

III. Darjeeling.

I.—Cooch Behar Palace.

115. *Original Works.*—The original works executed during the year under report are described below :—

Construction of New Turrets and certain additions and alterations to the Palace.—The work is in progress. Rs. 1,29,720 was spent during the year.

All the missing terminal features over the parapet wall of the Cooch Behar Palace, terminals at the angles or corners and two masonry domes over the 2 spiral staircases in front of the Durbar Hall have been constructed to the design of the late Mr. Banks Gwyther, the then Superintending Engineer, Northern Circle, Bengal. The iron materials for the domes of the corner spiral staircases have also been purchased and will be fitted during this year (1927-28).

Improvements to the Sanitary fittings and a few new Bath-rooms have been effected during the year.

The following alterations have also been carried out :—

(1) Removal of Her Highness' staircase into His late Highness' Dressing room.

(2) Enlargement of His late Highness' Study into a bigger sitting room by enclosing a portion of the next room.

(3) Removal of the northern central staircase into the passage to the west of the late father Maharaja's suite of rooms and conversion of the staircase room into a Bathroom.

(4) Conversion of the Library Room into a Sitting room, small Drawing room into a Bed room, Gun room into a Billiard room and the Billiard room into the Library.

(5) Poviding a complete marble flooring to the new Billiard room and marble flooring border to several of the rooms.

(6) Replacing the old large doors by smaller doors with either etched and embossed glass panels or ground glass panels with a fan light on top.

(7) Replacing the wooden staircase at the back verandah of Her Highness' wing with a 6' diameter cast iron spiral staircase.

(8) Replacing heavy cornices with light ornamental ones, in the new Library.

(9) Providing pilasters in the Council Chamber.

Purchase of Carpets for the Palace.—11 Carpets for the Palace were purchased at a cost of Rs. 11,646.

REPAIRS.

116. *Repairs to Palace and connected Buildings.*—General repairs were done at a cost of Rs. 25,542 against the provision of Rs. 26,316, the details of which are shown in statement "K" submitted herewith.

II.—WOODLANDS.

117. The undermentioned original works were executed during the year under this head :—

Additions and alterations to the Main buildings at Woodlands with improved sanitary arrangements to the house itself.—Several additions and alterations to the main building at Woodlands were carried out and the house was provided with improved sanitary arrangements. The total cost came to Rs. 55,509 against the provision of Rs. 53,489.

16 connected privies at Woodlands.—The work has been completed at a cost of Rs. 11,966 against the provision of Rs. 12,122.

REPAIRS.

118. *Remetalling compound roads.*—The compound roads at Woodlands were remetalled at a cost of Rs. 1,982 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 2,048.

119. *Repairs to houses and upkeep of Roads etc.*—The houses were thoroughly repaired at a total cost of Rs. 16,208 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 17,000.

III.—DARJEELING.

120.—The following work has been carried out during the year under this head :—

Additions and alterations to the main building, refitting electric light in the altered portions and repairs to Compound path and Tennis courts at Colinton.—All the works were completed during the year except a portion of the garden and compound paths and one of the tennis courts. The total cost came to Rs. 18,922 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 21,774.

Purchase of furniture for Colinton.—Furniture to the value of Rs. 2,430 was purchased for Colinton during the year.

A detailed statement of expenditure on repairs under different Palaces as compared with those of two previous years is shown below :—

Name of Palace.	Expenditure in 1924-25.			Expenditure in 1925-26.			Expenditure in 1926-27.		
	Annual.	Petty.	Total.	Annual.	Petty.	Total.	Annual.	Petty.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I.—Palace, Cooch Behar ...	22,571	206	22,777	27,508	314	27,822	25,357	185	25,542
II.— „ Woodlands (Calcutta)	6,627	243	6,870	11,470	243	11,713	18,190	...	18,190

SECTION III.—COMMUNICATION IMPROVEMENT FUND.

121. The original grant for the Communication Improvement Fund was Rs. 1,54,379. It was reduced to Rs. 1,53,629 in the Revised Budget.

The total expenditure in this section amounted to Rs. 1,52,305 leaving a balance of Rs. 1,324 which was refunded to the Treasury.

The receipts of the year under report were Rs. 60 against Rs. 13 in the previous year.

The Communication Improvement Fund works have been sub-divided into two heads :—

(1.) Original Works.
(2.) Repairs.

(1) ORIGINAL WORKS.

122. *Original Works.*—The total expenditure under this head was Rs. 53,879 against Rs. 37,171 in the previous year.

The original works executed during the year under report are briefly described as follows:—

Bridges and Culverts.—The following bridges and culverts were constructed during the year under report:—

1. 3′ diameter Corrugated Iron Culvert with masonry facing on the 8th mile of Rungpur Road.
2. 4′ diameter Corrugated Iron Culvert in the 7th mile of Emigration Road East.
3. 10′ span iron bridge with 46′ trough plates and cement concrete filling in the Kalighat road near the Rice Mills.
4. 3′ diameter Corrugated Iron Culvert with masonry facing on the 8th mile of Katamari-Manabari Road.
5. 4′ diameter Corrugated Iron Culvert on the 10th mile of Katamari-Manabari road.
6. 20′ span iron bridge on the 14th mile of Baneswar-Pundibari road.
7. 4′ span pucca culvert on the 3rd mile of Chilahati village Path.
8. 4′ diameter Corrugated Iron Culvert with masonry facing on the 6th mile of Patgram-Bhutan Road.
9. 3′ diameter Corrugated Iron Culvert on the 10th mile of Changrabandha Feeder Road.
10. 3′ diameter Corrugated Iron Culvert on the 11th mile of Changra bandha Feeder Road.
11. 3′ diameter Corrugated Iron Culvert on the 15th mile of Changrabandha Feeder Road.
12. 3′ diameter Corrugated Iron Culvert on the 20th mile of Changrabandha Feeder Road.
13. 6′ span pucca culvert on the 1st mile of Durgapur Road.
14. 40′ span iron bridge on the 4th mile of Latkobari-Chowdhurirhat Road.
15. 10′ span iron bridge on the 1st mile of Okrabari Village Path.
16. 3′ diameter Corrugated Iron Culvert with masonry facing in the 10th mile of Katamari-Manabari Road.
17. 4′ span pucca culvert on the 22nd mile of Emigration Road West.
18. 3′ diameter Corrugated Iron Culvert on the 10th mile of Mathabhanga-Moranga Road.
19. 3′ diameter Corrugated Iron Culvert on the 11th mile of Mathabhanga-Moranga Road.
20. 3′ diameter Corrugated Iron Culvert on the 13th mile of Mathabhanga-Moranga Road.

21. 3′ diameter Corrugated Iron Culvert on the 16th mile of Mathabhanga-Moranga Road.

22. 3′ diameter Corrugated Iron Culvert on the 10th mile of Mathabhanga-Falacutta Road.

23. 3′ diameter Corrugated Iron Culvert with masonry facing on the 12th mile of Mathabhanga-Shitalkhuchi Road.

24. 3′ diameter Corrugated Iron Culvert on the Cooch Behar-Shitalkhuchi Road (Rangamati Taluk.)

25. 3′ diameter Corrugated Iron Culvert on the 1st mile of Ratherdanga Road.

26. 3′ diameter Corrugated Iron Culvert on the Hatibandha Village Path.

27. 3′ diameter Corrugated Iron Culvert on the 1st mile of Chenakata-Bairagirhat Road.

28. 4′ span pucca culvert on the 14th mile of Lowkuty Road.

The following bridges provided under this head could not be completed during the year as the necessary materials did not arrive in time.

1. Completion of the iron bridge 10′ span on the 10th mile of Chikliguri Road.
2. 6′ span iron bridge on the 6th mile of Lowkuty Road.
3. 12′ span iron bridge on the 6th mile of Cooch Behar-Shitalkhuchi Road.
4. 10′ span iron bridge on the 11th mile of Patlakhawa Road.

The work of a 12′ span iron bridge on the 14th mile of Baneswar-Pundibari Road provided in this project was not taken in hand as it was subsequently considered unnecessary.

Rupees 16,932 could only be expended during the year against the provision of Rs 19,180.

Iron bridge on the 8th mile of Cross Road from Patgram to Bhutan.—This is a screw pile bridge of 2 spans of 28′ ft. each. The work was completed during the year at a total cost of Rs. 5,829 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 6,000.

Iron bridge on the 5th mile of Emigration Road west.—Works on an iron bridge of 3 spans of 20′ ft. each on the 5th mile of Emigration Road West were completed during the year at a total cost of Rs. 5,103 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 5,500.

Iron bridge on the 11th mile of Cross Road from Patgram to Bhutan.—The work is still in progress. Only Rs. 7,430 could be adjusted out of the provision of Rs. 8,800.

Timber bridge on the 10th mile of Emigration road west.—The work could not be completed during the year. Rs. 3,988 could only be adjusted against the provision of Rs. 5,300.

Reconstruction and extension of the Bhetaguri iron bridge on the Runopur Road.—The work was completed during the year at a cost of Rs. 4,357 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 5,100. The bridge had to be extended by a span of 20′ ft.

Protection of iron bridge on the Gidhari River on the 13th mile of Dinhata-Mekliganj Road.—The work could not be completed during the year as the materials were not received. Rs. 871 could only be spent out of the provision of Rs. 1,000.

Renewing B. P. Trough flooring of the 22nd mile culvert in the Lowkuty Road.—The trough plates were purchased during the year but could not be fitted as they were received very late.

Protection of the Lowkuty Road and neighbouring areas from the overflow current of the Tabumari River.—The road near Bhaiskuchi and Buxirhat was raised at a cost of Rs. 6,249 against a provision

of Rs. 5,000. The raised road will serve as a protective embankment to the neighbouring areas. The excess was met from general savings.

Temporary bridges for the Shooting Camp.—Three temporary bridges were constructed for the Shooting Camp at a cost of Rs. 10,224 against the provision of Rs. 10,800.

160' ft. iron bridge on the Tinatani River in the 11th mile of Emigration Road west.—Materials amounting to Rs. 5,714 were collected during the year against the part provision of Rs. 4,850.

(2) REPAIRS.

123. Statement "L" appended hereto shows the mileage of roads in the State under this department with other details. The expenditure incurred on each road has been shown in Statement "M". Statement "N" gives details of works done on each road. The total expenditure under this head was Rs. 96,867 against Rs. 51,789 in the previous year.

DRAINAGE.

124. *Opening and maintaining drainage channels in the State*—The work of a 4' span pucca culvert with a sluice gate at the 2nd mile of Keshab Road at Khagrabari was completed during the year at a total cost of Rs. 1,346 against the provision of Rs. 1,500.

SECTION IV.—CONTRIBUTION WORKS.

125. The actual expenditure under this head was Rs. 75,415 against Rs. 41,572 in the previous year *vide* Statement "O" appended hereto.

The following are the principal items of expenditure:—

Anti-cholera Tube wells.—6 tube wells were sunk in various Cholera affected areas during the year at a cost of Rs. 258.

Constructing boundary pillars in the State.—Rupees 401 were expended during the year in erecting boundary pillars. The expenditure up to the end of the year amounted to Rs. 8,639.

Constructing Prajabatsal Maharaja Jitendra Narayan Chikitsalaya at Cooch Behar.—The work is in progress. Rs. 62,010 was expended during the year and the total amount paid up to the end of the year amounted to Rs. 1,03,317.

Construction of a Hostel for the Hindu boys of Nripendra Narayan High English School at D[illegible]—Rupees 432 could only be spent during the year in the collection of materials. The work could not be started as bricks were not available.

Constructing a carrugated Iron roofed building for the Sunity Academy.—A corrugated iron roofed house consisting of 6 rooms (5 being 18' × 15' each and one 22' × 15') with a verandah 6' × 2' wide in front and a bath room 6' × 6' at the back with 10" brick walls and terraced floor was constructed at a cost of Rs. 9,392 against the estimate of Rs. 10,312. A 3' diameter pucca well originally proposed to be sunk in the compound was not sunk as it was subsequently considered to be unnecessary. A tube well was sunk instead.

Providing brick nogging wall, additional room, bath room and verandah to the Assistant Manager's quarters at Dehiguni.—The works are in progress. Rs. 903 was spent during the year against the contribution of Rs. 1,750 received from the Chaklajat Estates.

SECTION V.—ESTABLISHMENT.

126. The following establishment was maintained during the year under report :—

	Rs.
P. W. D. Ordinary	41,123
Chaklajat	564
Palaces—	
Cooch Behar	710
Woodlands	2,229
Total ...	44,626

The sum provided in the budgets of the year under report is distributed as given below :—

	Rs.
P. W. Department	43,316
Chaklajat	776
Palace, Cooch Behar	710
„ Woodlands	2,158
Total ...	46,960

With the aid of this establishment works to the value of Rs. 8,11,106 were done. The details are given below :—

	Rs.
P. W. Department—Ordinary	2,78,297
Communication Improvement Fund	1,52,305
Palace, Cooch Behar	1,66,908
„ Woodlands	1,04,943
„ Darjeeling	21,352
Contribution Works	75,292
Chaklajat	12,009
Total ...	8,11,106

The percentage of expenditure on establishment with reference to the total expenditure on works comes to 5·50 per cent against 9·62 in the previous year.

SECTION VI.—CHAKLAJAT PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

127. The original provision in the year under review was Rs. 13,547 and this was increased to Rs. 13,759 in the Revised Budget. The actual expenditure amounted to Rs. 12,614 against Rs. 8,030 in the previous year. Statement " P " appended hereto shows the expenditure on works executed during the year.

ORIGINAL WORKS.

128. *Construction of a two seated pucca latrine in the Amlas' quarters at Jalpaiguri.*—A two seated latrine with a screen wall at the front was constructed in the Amlas' quarters at Jalpaiguri at a cost of Rs. 564 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 600.

129. *Construction of a two seated pucca latrine in the compound of Staging Bungalow at Debigunj.*—A two seated pucca latrine in the compound of Staging Bungalow at Debigunj was constructed at a cost of Rs. 513 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 550.

130. *Half-terracing the roof of Bodeswari temple.*—The roof of Bodeswari temple was half-terraced at a cost of Rs. 247 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 250.

131. *Half-terracing the roof of Manager's residence at Debigunj.*—The roof of the Manager's residence at Debigunj was half-terraced at a cost of Rs. 373 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 374.

132. *Providing brick-nogging wall and pucca floor to the Manager's Office Bungalow at Jalpaiguri.*—The Manager's office Bungalow at Jalpaiguri was provided with brick-nogging walls and a pucca floor at a cost of Rs. 2,112

against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 2,000. The extra amount was provided in the Revised Budget of the year.

133. *Providing iron gratings to the windows of the Record Room and office Bungalow at Debigunj.*—Iron gratings were provided to the windows of the Record room and office Bungalow at Debigunj at a cost of Rs. 316 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 320.

134. *Providing wooden railing with painting to the verandah of the Guest house at Debigunj.*—5′ ft. high wooden railing was provided to the verandah of the Guest house at a cost of Rs. 75 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 77.

135. *Renewing Corrugated Iron Roof of the old Record Room at Debigunj.*—The Corrugated Iron Roof of the old Record Room at Debigunj was renewed at a cost of Rs. 1,504 against the sanctioned estimate of Rs. 1,600.

REPAIRS.

General repairs were done to the buildings at a total cost of Rs. 6,121 against the provision of Rs. 6,800.

Establishment charges came to Rs. 789 against Rs. 799 in the previous year.

V.—ARTISANS SCHOOL.

136. *Charge.*—Rai Bahadur Saroda Charan Mitra, B.E., State Engineer, was in-charge of the Artisans School throughout the year under report.

The original Budget grant for expenditure of the Artisans School for the year under report was Rs. 25,916 which was decreased to Rs. 25,875 in the Revised Estimate whereas the original estimated receipt of Rs. 22,129 was subsequently reduced to Rs. 21,929 in the Revised Budget.

The total expenditure of the year amounted to Rs. 24,367-12-11 and the balance of Rs. 1,508-3-1 was remitted to the Treasury as the unexpended balance.

The statement of expenditure is given below :—

	Rs.
I. Establishment.—	
(1) Permanent Establishment	4,542
(2) Travelling allowance	35
(3) Contingencies	285
Total ...	4 862
II. Tools and Plants.—	
(1) Purchase of Tools	709
(2) Repairing Tools	100
Total ...	809
III. Purchase of Raw Materials for manufacturing articles.—	
The expenditure under this head was	11,019
IV. Temporary Establishment and Ticca Labourers.—	
The expenditure under this head was	7,275
V. Miscellaneous Public Improvement.—	
(1) Tube wells	206
(2) Repairs to Tube wells on Hire-purchase system ...	69
(3) " Anti-cholera Tube wells	109
Total ...	389

137. Out of the provision for the purchase of Tools, the following articles were purchased during the year under report:—

(1)	21″ Empire high-speed vertical power Drilling Machine	1 No.
(2)	Three-ply cotton belting 2″ wide	25′ ft.
(3)	Morse taper sleeves No. 1-2	1 No.
(4)	" " No. 2-3	1 No.
(5)	1″ Morse taper high-speed twist drills	2 Nos.
(6)	7/8 " "	2 "
(7)	¾″ " "	2 "
(8)	⅝″ " "	2 "
(9)	½″ " "	2 "
(10)	⅜″ " "	2 "
(11)	Single leather belting of 1½″ wide	20′ ft.
(12)	Gas Lights	2 Nos.
(13)	Kodali	1 No.
(14)	Bow saw frame	1 "
(15)	1½″ Hand vice	1 "
(16)	12″ Steel foot rule	1 "
(17)	No. 5 Stanley plane	1 "
(18)	Centre punch	1 "
(19)	⅝″ Auger	1 "
(20)	¾″ English Die	2 Sets.
(21)	1″ "	1 Set
(22)	½″ "	2 Sets
(23)	⅜″ "	2 "

138. The estimated amount of receipts for the year was Rs. 22,129 which was reduced to Rs. 21,929 in the Revised Estimate. The actual amount of receipts during the year under report was Rs. 18,545 including realisation of the arrears of previous years. The actual value of works executed was Rs. 20,165. The nett arrears in the year amounted Rs. 2,945. A sum of Rs. 1,325 was due to arrears realised for previous years.

VI—EDUCATION.

I.—Primary and Secondary Education.

139. *Charge.*—Srijut Jnanada Charan Ghosh, B. A., Inspector of Schools, held charge of the Primary and Secondary Education in the State, throughout the year.

The following table shows the details of the strength, attendance and expenditure of the different classes of Educational Institutions in the State during the past two years:—

Names of Schools.	1925-1926.			1926-1927.			EXPENDITURE FOR 1925-1926			EXPENDITURE FOR 1926-1927		
	Nos. of Institutions.	Nos. of pupils on 31st March 1926.	Average daily attendance.	Nos. of Institutions.	Nos. of pupils on 31st March 1927.	Average daily attendance.	State grant.	Local sources.	Total.	State grant.	Local sources.	Total.
							Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
I.—*State Institutions*—												
Middle Vernacular	13	814	499	13	823	517	6,103	1,509	7,612	6,174	1,561	7,735
TOTAL ...	13	814	499	13	823	517	6,103	1,509	7,612	6,174	1,561	7,735
II.—*Grant-in-aid Schools*—												
Higher Class English	4	848	659	4	870	675	13,419	19,153	32,572	13,494	18,490	31,984
Middle Class English	17	1,001	611	18	1,143	777	4,911	7,099	12,010	5,047	7,195	12,242
Ditto Vernacular	16	833	561	14	710	496	2,882	1,870	4,752	2,651	1,264	3,915
TOTAL ...	37	2,682	1,831	36	2,723	1,948	21,212	28,122	49,334	21,192	26,949	48,141
III.—*Primary Schools*—												
Upper Primary ...	43	1,784	1,217	46	2,150	1,442	3,664	3,009	6,673	4,025	3,827	7,852
Lower Primary ...	148	5,001	3,383	150	5,318	3,711	6,996	7,493	14,489	6,743	8,266	15,009
Night Schools ...	6	86	65	6	93	68	243	.....	243	240	50	290
Girls Schools ...	3	41	28	3	45	29	129	.....	129	126	.....	126
Muktabs ...	8	166	117	7	137	104	279	484	763	269	358	627
TOTAL ...	208	7,078	4,810	212	7,738	5,354	11,311	10,986	22,297	11,403	12,501	23,904
IV.—*Private Schools*—												
Middle Class English	3	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	280	280	.....	600	600
Middle Vernacular	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Upper Primary ...	1	39	30	1	22	16	.....	445	445	.....	350	350
Lower Primary ...	57	1,553	1,234	61	2,067	1,387	.....	3,560	3,560	.....	3,995	3,995
Night Schools ...	7	105	71	6	80	57	.....	60	60	.....	276	276
Girls Schools ..	2	27	21	4	56	38	.....	58	58	.....	80	80
Muktabs	3	76	52	7	200	139	.....	336	336	.....	564	564
TOTAL ...	73	1,800	1,408	83	2,425	1,637	.....	4,739	4,739	.....	5,865	5,865
GRAND TOTAL ...	331	12,374	8,548	344	13,709	9,456	38,626	45,356	83,982	38,769	46,876	85,645

From the foregoing table it will be seen that the number of Primary and Secondary Schools in the State increased last year from 331 to 344, that of pupils from 12,374 to 13,709 and that of average daily attendance from 8,548 to 9,456. During the year there was an actual increase of 13 schools, of 1,335 pupils and an improved attendance of 908 students. There was also a satisfactory increase in private Patshalas.

The total expenditure on Public Instruction amounted, during the year under report, to Rs. 85,645 as compared with Rs. 83,982 in the preceding year, showing an increase of Rs. 1,663. Of the total expenditure Rs. 38,769 were met from the State and Rs. 46,876 were provided from local sources. The corresponding figures for the preceding year were Rs. 38,626 and Rs. 45,356.

The figures for the Sunity Academy, Cooch Behar, with 262 girls on the roll on the 31st March 1927 and an average daily attendance of 171 pupils have not been included in the above statement.

140. *Results of Public Examinations.*—The following table shows the results of all schools under the Department in the several Examinations :—

Class of Examinations.	1925-1926.						1926-1927.					
	Nos. of competing schools.	Nos. of candidates.	Number Passed.				Nos. of competing schools.	Nos. of candidates.	Number Passed.			
			1st Division.	2nd Division.	3rd Division.	Total.			1st Division.	2nd Division.	3rd Division.	Total.
Matriculation	4	39	12	11	...	23	4	41	14	11	2	27
Middle English	17	33	10	8	10	28	15	42	5	13	6	24
Ditto for Females	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Middle Vernacular ...	36	77	3	31	10	44	30	67	2	18	17	37
Ditto for Females	2	4	4	...	...	4	2	2	2	...	...	2
Upper Primary	99	279	40	113	73	226	111	334	61	102	67	230
Ditto for Females	4	9	3	6	...	9	4	7	5	2	...	7
Lower Primary	238	697	334	246	...	580	245	821	413	253	...	666
Ditto for Females	8	21	17	3	...	20	10	24	18	4	...	22
Sanskrit Tole	1	2	...	...	1	1	1	1	...	...	1	1
Total ...	399	1161	423	418	94	935	422	1339	520	403	93	1016

From the foregoing table it will be seen that 41 candidates sat for the Matriculation Examination in the year under report and of them 27 came out successful, 14 being placed in the first division, 11 in the second and 2 in the third. Of the 39 candidates sent up in the preceding year 23 passed: 12 in the first division and 11 in the second.

In the competitive Examinations for Middle and Primary Scholarships, 24 passed the Middle English, 39 the Middle Vernacular, 237 the Upper Primary and 688 the Lower Primary Scholarship Examinations against 28 Middle English, 48 Middle Vernacular, 235 Upper Primary and 600 Lower Primary successful candidates of the preceding year. The percentage of passes was 78·4 against 84 of the preceding year.

In the year under report 2 female candidates sat for the Middle Vernacular, 7 for the Upper Primary and 24 for the Lower Primary Scholarship Examinations. Of the total of 33 candidates 31 passed, 25 in the first division, and 6 in the second against 34 candidates and 33 passes of the preceding year.

The Sanskrit Tole sent up only 1 candidate who passed and was awarded the Temple Scholarship.

141. *The Sub-divisional Higher English Schools.*—Sanction was accorded to the raising of all salaries in these schools up to the prescribed minimum of the University.

The following table gives the details of strength, attendance and expenditure of the Sub-divisional High English Schools as they stood on the 31st March 1927:

Class of Institutions.	No. of students.		No. of pupil studying.		Expenditure.				
	Roll on the 31st March 1927.	Average daily attendance.	English.	Vernacular.	From the State.	From Local sources.			
						School fees.	Other sources.	Total.	Grand Total.
					Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1. Mathabhanga H. E.	290	236	187	103	3,380	4,101	265	4,366	7,746
2. Mekligunj H. E.	180	135	162	18	3,379	3,440	1,230	4,670	8,049
3. Dinhata H. E.	264	188	220	44	3,370	4,376	1,031	5,407	8,777
4. Tufangunj H. E.	136	116	115	21	3,365	2,396	1,651	4,047	7,412
Total ..	870	675	684	186	13,494	14,313	4,177	18,490	31,984

The number of pupils on the rolls of the 4 Sub-divisional High English schools on the 31st March, 1927, was 870 against 848 on the corresponding date in the previous year, showing an increase of 22 pupils. In detail this represents an increase of 10 pupils in the Mathabhanga, 2 in the Mekligunj and 30 in the Dinhata schools and a decrease of 20 pupils in the Tufangunj School.

The average daily attendance in these schools was 84·5 per cent of the average number on the roll as compared with 81·8 in the previous year. The number of the English-reading pupils decreased from 688 to 684. Of the total number of 870 pupils 704 were Hindus, 148 Mahomedans, 5 Christians and 13 of other communities as compared with 703 Hindus, 139 Mahomedans, 3 Christians and 3 of other communities in the previous year. The number of Cooch Behari pupils in these schools was 340 or 39·0 per cent against 43·1 per cent in the previous year.

142. The total expenditure on these schools was Rs. 31,984 of which Rs. 13,494 were contributed by the State, while Rs. 14,313 and Rs. 4,177 were met from school fees and other local sources. The corresponding figures in the previous year were Rs. 32,572, Rs. 13,419, Rs. 13,730 and Rs. 5,423 respectively. The total expenditure decreased by Rs. 588, mainly due to savings effected in the Establishment cost of the Dinhata, Mathabhanga and Tufangunj High English Schools. It is satisfactory to note that fee-receipts in these schools rose from Rs. 13,730 to Rs. 14,313 or by Rs. 583 and that excepting in the Tufangunj School there was no necessity during the year to utilise the annual interest on the funded capital.

The financial condition of the schools continued to be satisfactory, the invested funds to their credit standing at Rs. 62,189-12-3 on the 31st March last. Of this amount Rs. 9,944-12-3 were deposited in Post Office Savings Bank, Rs. 26,145 in 5 years' Cash Certificates and Rs. 26,100 in 6 per cent War Bonds. There was also a cash balance of over Rs. 4,500 in the hands of the Secretaries to the different High English Schools on the 31st March last.

143. *Teaching Staff.*—(*a*) The permanent vacancy of Assistant Head Master in the Mathabhanga School was filled in June 1926 by the appointment of Babu Mono Mohan Chaki, M.A.

(*b*) Babu Hem Chandra Dutta, B.A., the 1st Assistant Teacher of the school proceeded on medical leave for 1 year on the 24th June. The vacancy was filled up by promotion and the enlistment of a teacher for the junior post.

(*c*) On the Vernacular side of the Mathabhanga High English School a new post of 3rd Pandit was created and filled.

(*d*) Babu Kalaknath Barman, Second Pandit, Vernacular Department, Mathabhanga High English School, resigned on the 31st August, 1926 and Babu Bhuban Mohan Dakua was appointed in his place.

The post of the Sanskrit Teacher of the Tufangunj School twice fell vacant. Steps have been taken to fill it up early.

Babu Durga Charan De, Head Pandit of the Vernacular Department of the Dinhata School, died in December, 1925 and Munshi Nasibar Rahaman Mandul was appointed in his place from the 1st June 1926.

144. *Managing Committees.*—During the year there were 5 sittings of the School Committee at Mekligunj, 7 at Tufangunj, 5 at Dinhata and 6 at Mathabhanga.

145. *Examination Results.*—The following table shows the results of the 4 Sub-divisional High English Schools in the different Public Examinations during the year under report :—

Names of schools.	Matriculation.					Middle English.					Middle Vernacular.					Upper Primary.					Lower Primary			
	Nos. of candidates	Number passed				Nos. of candidates	Number passed				Nos. of candidates	Number passed.				Nos. of candidates	Number passed				Nos. of candidates	Number passed.		
		1st division.	2nd division	3rd division	Total.		1st division.	2nd division	3rd division	Total		1st division.	2nd division	3rd division.	Total		1st division.	2nd division	3rd division	Total.		1st division.	2nd division	Total
Mathabhanga H. E.	12	5	5	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	1	3	...	3	...	3	13	9	4	13
Corresponding figures for 1925-26.	11	3	4	...	7	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	5	...	3	2	5	8	2	3	5
Dinhata H. E. ...	18	5	5	1	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Corresponding figures for 1925-26.	11	7	1	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	2	1	...	3	1	1	...	1
Mekligunj H. E. ...	6	2	...	1	3	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	1	1	1	...	1
Corresponding figures for 1925-26.	3	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	1	1	1	...	1
Tufangunj H.E. ...	5	2	1	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Corresponding figures for 1925-26.	14	1	5	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

From the above table it will be seen that 41 candidates were sent up for the Matriculation Examination in 1927 from the 4 Sub-divisional High English Schools against 39 candidates of the year preceding. 27 of them came out successful, 14 passing in the first division, 11 in the 2nd and 2 in the 3rd. The number of successful candidates in the previous year was 23 : 12 in the first division and 11 in the 2nd. The percentage of passes was 65·8 against 58·9 of 1926.

21 boys were sent up for the different scholarship Examinations from the Vernacular Departments of these schools, of whom 20 passed : 10 in the first division, 9 in the 2nd and 1 in the 3rd. The percentage of passes was 95·2 against 66·6 of the previous year.

146. *Discipline.*—Discipline during the year under report was satisfactory.

147. *Prizes.*—The sanctioned State grant of Rs. 333 was duly remitted to the Secretaries.

148. *Boarding Institutions.*—The number of boarders in the Boarding Institutions attached to the Sub-divisional High English Schools was 112 on the 31st March, 1927 against 108 of the previous year, showing an increase of 4 inmates. Of these, 80 were Hindus and 32 Mahomedans and 53 pure natives of the State.

The general condition of these institutions in respect of dietary and sanitary arrangements as well as supervision and control continued to be satisfactory under the Headmasters, the Resident teachers and the local medical officers.

The State paid Rs. 1,936 towards the upkeep of these Institutions.

149. *Educational Conference.*—The Annual Educational Conference of of the Headmasters of the High English Schools in the State was held on the 28th November, 1926 under the Presidency of the Principal, Victoria College, Cooch Behar.

150. *The Middle English Schools.*—As noted in last year's report there is a growing demand for the knowledge of English To meet it the Unishbisha Middle Vernacular School, which had a private English class attached, was raised to the Middle English status and with local support 3 other new English classes were started during the year.

The following table shows the particulars of the Middle English Schools as they existed on the 31st March, 1927 :—

	Names of Schools.	Nos of students.		Pupils Studying Language.		Expenditure.		
		Roll on the 31st March.	Average daily attendance.	English.	Vernacular.	From the State.	From Local sources.	Total.
	1925-26.					Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Gobrasarah M. E. ...	65	40	49	65	360	644	1,004
2	Kharkharia " ...	76	48	47	76	336	415	751
3	Haldibari " ...	88	58	74	88	480	880	1,360
4	Soulmari " ...	62	34	30	62	341	360	701
5	Maricha " ...	62	48	27	62	480	480	960
6	Khagrabari " ...	61	27	25	61	180	468	648
7	Upanchouki " ...	69	51	33	69	333	552	885
8	Bamanhat " ..	69	40	49	69	336	565	901
9	Fulbari " ...	52	40	25	52	180	240	420
10	Sudder Model " ...	.....	.....	96	96*	360	482	842
11	Gitaldah " ...	.....	.....	29	29	120	120	240
12	Kotebhajani " ...	61	27	41	61	288	468	756
13	Alakjhari " ...	51	32	30	51	273	424	697
14	Per Mekligunj " ...	75	50	56	75	199	280	479
15	Nishimoyee " ...	85	40	20	85	240	383	623
16	Balarampur " ...	.....	.....	21	21	130	132	262
17	Choupathi un-aided " .	125	86	40	125	275	206	481
18	Unishbisha " ...	.....	.....	40	40	...	96	96
19	Pundibari " ...	.....	.....	28	28	...	80	80
20	Khalishamari " ...	.....	.....	12	12	...	104	104
	Total ...	1001	611	772	1227	4,911	7,379	12,290
	1926-27.							
1	Gobrasarah M. E. ...	74	52	50	74	360	725	1,085
2	Kharkharia " ...	64	55	41	64	336	424	760
3	Haldibari " ...	92	58	76	92	480	946	1,426
4	Shoulmari " ...	60	48	36	60	300	300	600
5	Maricha " ...	91	64	17	91	480	480	960
6	Khagrabari " ...	50	86	25	50	180	132	312
7	Upanchouki " ...	74	59	50	74	336	564	900
8	Bamanhat " ...	86	54	57	86	336	600	936
9	Fulbari " ...	54	46	22	54	150	240	390
10	Sudder Model " ...	.....	.....	107	107	360	497	857
11	Gitaldah " ...	.....	.....	26	26	120	120	240
12	Kotebhajani " ...	65	33	51	65	288	300	588
13	Alakjhari " ...	59	35	34	59	276	423	699
14	Per Mekligunj " ...	67	52	34	67	204	229	433
15	Nishimoyee " ...	87	43	84	87	240	374	614
16	Balarampur " ...	.....	.....	27	27	120	156	276
17	Choupathi " ...	120	95	30	120	300	235	535
18	Unishbisha " ...	100	47	41	100	181	450	631
19	Khalishamari un-aided " ...	.....	.....	18	18	.....	180	180
20	Dharmeshari " ...	.....	.....	12	12	.....	180	180
21	Panigram " ...	.....	.....	9	9	.....	120	120
22	Chhat Pakhihaga " ...	.....	.....	7	7	.....	120	120
	Total ...	1148	777	804	1349	5,047	7,795	12,842

It will be seen from the above table that the total number of Middle English schools during the year under report was 22, of which 18 were aided and 4 were unaided against 17 aided and 3 unaided in the previous year.

On the 31st March last there were 1143 pupils on the rolls of these schools against 1001 of the year before, showing an increase of 142 in the number of pupils. The average daily attendance of these schools also rose from 611 to 777 or by 166. Only 5 of the schools showed a decrease in strength, while the attendance in all the schools with the exception of Nishimoyee showed an appreciable improvement. Of the total number of pupils 692 were Hindus and 451 Mahomedans against 650 Hindus and 351 Mahomedans of the preceding year. The percentage of attendance showed further improvement from 83·3 to 84·9 during the year under report.

The number of English-reading boys in these schools was 804 against 772 of the previous year showing an increase of 32 pupils.

The expenditure on these Middle English schools amounted, during the year, to Rs. 12,842 of which Rs. 5,047 was paid by the State and Rs. 7,795 was found from local sources. The corresponding figures for the preceding year were Rs. 12,290, Rs. 4,911 and Rs. 7,379. The total expenditure increased by Rs. 552, the State's share in the increase being Rs. 136 and that of the people Rs. 416.

The following table compares the results of these schools in the Middle and Primary Scholarship Examinations for the last 2 years :—

Class of Examination.	1925-26.					1926-27.				
	No. sent up.	No. passed.				No. sent up.	No. passed.			
		1st Division.	2nd Division.	3rd Division.	Total.		1st Division.	2nd Division.	3rd Division.	Total.
Middle English	33	10	8	10	28	39	5	12	6	23
„ Vernacular	22	...	14	2	16	17	...	5	4	9
Upper Primary	50	12	20	11	43	55	17	15	6	38
Lower Primary	34	13	15	...	28	54	43	7	...	50
Total ...	139	35	57	23	115	165	65	39	16	120

From the above table it will be seen that 165 candidates were sent up from Middle English schools. to the several Scholarship Examinations—89 to the Middle English, 17 to the Middle Vernacular, 55 to the Upper Primary and 54 to the Lower Primary. Of them 159 actually appeared and 120 passed; 65 in the 1st division, 39 in the 2nd, and 16 in the 3rd. The percentage of passes was 75·4 against 82·7 of the preceding year.

151. *The Model Vernacular Schools.*—The following table summarises the condition of the 13 Model Vernacular schools in the State during the year 1926-27 :—

Nos.	NAMES OF SCHOOLS.	Nos. of Students.			Expenditure.		
		Nos. of pupils on the 31st March	Average daily attendance.	Monthly average number on the roll.	State grant.	School fees and fines.	Total.
	1925-1926.				Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
1	Sudder Model... ...	138	102	140	1,547	495	2,042
2	Balarampur	60	27	58	381	103	484
3	Baneswar	50	40	50	350	74	424
4	Natabari	59	25	45	387	91	478
5	Chilakhana	78	32	68	345	115	460
6	Dewanhat	63	43	60	416	92	508
7	Gitaldah	60	49	61	341	117	458
8	Changrabanda ...	46	26	32	418	69	487
9	Pundibari	60	32	40	388	72	460
10	Kheti	64	39	44	380	60	440
11	Kesaribari	33	19	30	401	53	454
12	Shitalkhuchi	51	29	48	383	74	457
13	Dewangunj ...	52	36	42	366	94	460
	Total ...	814	499	718	6,103	1,509	7,612
	1926-1927.						
1	Sudder Model... ...	152	104	140	1,498	528	2,026
2	Balarampur	57	30	55	402	95	497
3	Baneswar	53	39	50	384	76	460
4	Natabari	51	41	50	373	94	467
5	Chilakhana	87	47	73	347	126	473
6	Dewanhat	59	39	53	436	85	521
7	Gitaldah	76	53	63	351	122	473
8	Changrabanda ...	41	23	30	444	56	500
9	Pundibari	46	24	40	386	84	470
10	Kheti	64	33	47	393	58	451
11	Kesaribari	47	20	30	407	44	451
12	Shitalkhuchi	47	28	43	392	81	473
13	Dewangunj	43	36	43	361	112	473
	Total ...	823	517	717	6,174	1,561	7,735

It will be seen from the above table that the total number of pupils on the rolls of these 13 schools on the 31st March, 1927, was 823 against 814 of the year before, showing an increase of 9 pupils. The average daily attendance also improved from 499 to 517. The percentage of attendance in them was 72·1 against 70·0 of the preceding year.

Of the total strength of these Model Schools, 533 were Hindus and 290 Mahomedans against 525 Hindus and 289 Mahomedans of the year before. It will be seen that the Hindu pupils increased by 8 and the Mahomedans by 1.

The total expenditure for the maintenance of these 13 schools amounted, during the year under report, to Rs. 7,735, towards which the State contributed Rs. 6,174 and Rs. 1,561 was met from school fees. The corresponding figures for the preceding year were Rs. 7,612, Rs. 6,103 and Rs. 1,509. Thus the total expenditure rose by Rs. 123 and the State's share by Rs. 71 due to sanctioned periodical increments to the pay of the teachers.

The Model schools sent up 23 candidates to the Middle Vernacular, 59 to the Upper Primary and 35 to the Lower Primary Examinations. Of the total of 117 candidates 5 were absent and 92 passed: 37 in the first division, 41 in the second and 14 in the third against 96 candidates and 76 passes of the preceding year. The percentage of passes was 82·1 against 83·5 of the year before.

152. *The Middle Vernacular Schools.*—Owing to the unpopularity of purely Vernacular Education the number of aided Middle Vernacular schools came down to 14 on the 31st March last from 16 of the preceding year. The conversion of the Unishbisha Middle Vernacular School into a regular Middle English School and the lowering of the Shibpur Middle Vernacular School to the Upper Primary class account for the loss of 2 in the number of Institutions of this class.

The number of pupils on the rolls of these 14 schools, on the 31st March, 1927, was 710 against 833 of the previous year showing a decrease of 123 pupils. The percentage of attendance, however, rose from 76·7 to 77·2.

The expenditure for the maintenance of these 14 schools amounted during the year to Rs. 3,915 of which the State paid Rs. 2,651 and the people Rs. 1,264. The corresponding figures for the preceding year were Rs. 4,752, Rs. 2.882 and Rs. 1,870. With the loss of 2 institutions of this class the expenditure decreased by Rs. 837.

The Middle Vernacular schools sent up 7 candidates to the last Middle Vernacular, 30 to the Upper Primary and 51 to the Lower Primary Examinations. Of the total of 88 candidates 3 were absent and 75 came out successful: 50 in the first, 21 in the second and 4 in the third division. The percentage of success was 88·2 against 96·9 of the preceding year.

153. *Special Schools.*—The number of Special schools continued to be 3 as in previous years. There were 127 pupils on the rolls of these 3 schools on the 31st March last against 118 of the year before, showing an increase of 9 pupils. Of these 77 were Hindus and 50 Mahomedans. The average daily attendance of pupils showed slight fall from 92 to 84.

The expenditure on these schools amounted, during the year, to Rs. 678 of which the State contributed Rs. 420 and the people Rs. 258 against Rs. 733, Rs. 409 and Rs. 324, respectively, of the preceding year.

The Sudder Nagri School.—The strength of the school remained stationary at 39, while the average daily attendance fell from 30 to 28.

The school sent up 2 candidates to the last Lower Primary Examination who were examined in the Text Books prescribed for the same examination in the Patna Division. Both passed in the second division.

The total amount spent for the school was Rs. 198 towards which the State paid Rs. 144 and the people Rs. 54 against Rs. 264, Rs. 144 and Rs. 120, respectively, of the preceding year.

154. *The Sudder Madrasa.*—The number of pupils on the rolls of the school on the 31st March, 1927, was 34 against 33 of the year before. The school gained 1 in strength and 2 in attendance.

The expenditure on this school amounted to Rs. 264, the State's share of the contribution being Rs. 144 and the people's Rs. 120. The same amount was spent from the two sources in the preceding year.

As in the previous years the Persian Teacher of the Jenkins School examined the boys of this school at the time of the Lower Primary Examination. The results of the examination though not yet satisfactory were much better than those of the preceding year.

155. *The Anjumani Islamia Institution.*—The school had on its rolls on the 31st March last, 54 pupils of whom 29 attended daily on an average. The corresponding figures for the preceding year were 40 and 37. The school gained 14 in number but lost 8 in attendance.

One boy from this school was sent up for the last Upper Primary Examination and one for the Lower Primary Examination. Only the Upper Primary candidate came out successful in the 2nd division.

This school cost Rs. 216 in all, of which Rs. 132 was paid by the State and the balance of Rs. 84 was met from local subscription.

156. *Mahomedan Education.*—The total number of Institutions for the special education of Mahomedan boys in the State on the 31st March, 1927, was 16 including the Sudder Madrasa and the Anjumani Islamia Institution, which have been included in the Middle Vernacular schools. The number of such institutions was 13 during the year before. Of these schools, 9 received State grant, the rest being maintained purely from local contributions. The corresponding numbers for the preceding year were 10 and 3. The number of aided institutions of this class fell by 1, while that of the unaided ones rose by 4.

The number of pupils on the rolls of these schools on the 31st March last was 425, of whom 299 attended daily on an average. The corresponding figures for the preceding year were 321 and 231 showing an increase of 104 in the number of pupils and of 68 in daily attendance.

The expenditure on these schools amounted to Rs. 1,671 of which Rs. 545 was provided by the State and Rs. 1,126 by the people. The corresponding figures in the previous year were Rs. 1,570, Rs. 544 and Rs. 1,026. With the increase of 3 in the number of institutions there was an increase of Rs. 101 in the total expenditure.

Over and above these sectarian schools for Mahomedans, all other institutions for general education in the State were largely attended by Mahomedan pupils. The total number of pupils returned from all educational institutions in the State on the 31st March last was 13,709. Of these 4,140 were Mahomedans.

157. *Primary Schools.*—The following table gives the particulars of the Primary Schools in the State as they existed on the 31st March, 1927 :—

Class of School.	Students.			Expenditure.		
	No. of Institution.	No. of pupils on 31st March 1927.	Average daily attendance.	State grant.	Local sources.	Total.
				Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Aided 1926-27.						
Upper Primary Schools ...	46	2150	1442	4,025	3,827	7 852
Lower Primary Schools ...	150	5313	3711	6,743	8,266	15,009
Night Schools	6	93	68	240	50	290
Girls Schools	3	45	29	126	.....	126
Total ...	205	7601	5250	11,134	12 143	23,277
Corresponding figures for 1925-26.	200	6912	4693	11,032	10,502	21,534
Un-aided 1926-27.						
Upper Primary Schools ...	1	22	16	.....	350	350
Lower Primary Schools ...	61	2067	1387	.....	3,995	3,995
Night Schools	6	80	57	.....	276	276
Girls Schools	4	56	38	.....	80	80
Total ...	72	2225	1498	.....	4,701	4,701
Corresponding figures for 1925-26.	67	1724	1356	.....	4,123	4,123
Grand total for 1926-27 ...	277	9826	6748	11,134	16,844	27,978
Corresponding figures for 1925-26.	267	8636	6049	11,226	15,092	26,318

158. *Upper Primary Schools.*—The number of Upper Primary schools in the State on the 31st March, 1927, was 47, of which 46 were aided and 1 unaided against 43 aided and 1 unaided on the same date of the previous year. By redistribution of grants 2 bad Upper Primary schools were reduced to the Lower Primary status and 1 bad Middle Vernacular school to Upper Primary status, while 4 good Lower Primary schools were given Upper Primary grants for their satisfactory work, the net result being an increase of 3 in the number of institutions of this class.

The strength of these schools on the 31st March, 1927, stood at 2,172 against 1,823 of the previous year. The average daily attendance in them was 1458 against 1247 of the year before. With the increase of 3 in the number of Institutions the strength increased by 349 and the attendance by 211. It is satisfactory to note that the average strength of each school was 46·2 in the year under report against 41·4 of the preceding year.

The expenditure on these schools in the year under report amounted to Rs. 8,202, of which the State paid Rs. 4,025 and the people Rs. 4,177 as compared with Rs. 7,118, Rs. 3,664 and Rs. 3,454, respectively, of the previous year. The total expenditure increased by Rs. 1,084, the State's share in the increase being Rs. 361, while that of the people Rs. 723.

The Upper Primary schools sent up 16 candidates to the Middle Vernacular, 103 to the Upper Primary and 163 to the Lower Primary Examinations. Of the total number of 282 candidates 10 were absent and 216 came out successful, 98 being placed in the 1st division, 86 in the 2nd and 32 in the 3rd.

159. *Lower Primary Schools.*—The number of Lower Primary schools in the State on the 31st of March, 1927, was 211 of which 150 were aided and 61 unaided against 205, 148 and 57, respectively, of the previous year. There was thus an increase of 6 in the number of Lower Primary schools of which 2 were aided and 4 unaided. This increase in the number of aided schools was due to redistribution of grants every half year.

These 211 Lower Primary schools had on their rolls on the 31st March, 1927, 7380 pupils of whom 5098 attended daily on an average against 6554 and 4617, respectively, for 205 such schools of the previous year, showing a gain of 826 in the number of pupils and of 481 in that of daily attendance. The average strength of a Lower Primary school was 34·9 against 31·9 of the preceding year.

The total expenditure on these schools amounted to Rs 19,004 towards which the State paid Rs. 6,743 and the people Rs. 12,261 against Rs. 18,049, Rs. 6,996 and Rs. 11,053, respectively, of the previous year. The total expenditure increased by Rs. 955 which was entirely met from local sources.

The following comparative table gives the results of the Lower Primary Scholarship Examination during the last 2 years:—

No.	Centre of Examination.	1925-1926.						1926-1927.					
		Nos. of schools.	Nos. of candidates.	No. passed.			Absentees.	Nos. of schools.	Nos. of candidates.	No. passed.			Absentees.
				1st division.	2nd division.	Total.				1st division.	2nd division.	Total.	
1	Sudder	66	225	128	63	191	6	65	222	67	100	167	7
2	Dinhata	62	169	43	80	123	3	65	203	106	44	150	5
3	Mathabhanga ...	46	145	46	71	117	6	55	195	119	52	171	5
4	Mekligunj... ...	38	110	77	26	103	2	43	139	84	36	120	2
5	Tufangunj	24	69	57	9	66	1	27	96	55	25	80	1
	Total ...	236	718	351	249	600	18	255	845	431	257	688	20

The total number of candidates enrolled for the last Lower Primary Scholarship Examination from 255 schools of different classes was 845 against 718 candidates from 236 schools of the year preceding. Excluding the 20 absentees, 688 of those that were actually examined, came out successful: 431 in the first division and 257 in the second, giving 83·3 as percentage of passes against 85·7 of the preceding year.

A sum of Rs. 510 was, as in previous years, distributed at different centres by the Superintendents of Examination to the Gurus and their successful candidates on the results of the Examination.

160. *Night Schools.*—The number of Night Schools returned during the year under report was 12 of which 6 were aided and 6 unaided against 6 aided and 7 unaided of the previous year. There was thus a decrease of 1 in the number of unaided schools, while the number of aided ones remained stationary.

The 12 Night Schools had a strength of 173 pupils of whom 125 attended daily on an average. The corresponding figures for the 13 Night Schools of the preceding year were 191 and 136. There was thus a decrease of 18 in the number of pupils and of 11 in the average daily attendance mainly brought on by the loss of one in the number of Institutions.

The total expenditure for the upkeep of these schools was Rs. 566 of which Rs. 240 were paid by the State and Rs. 326 received from the local sources as compared with Rs. 303, Rs. 243 and Rs. 60, respectively. of the preceding year. The realisation of the arrear tuition fees in some cases accounts for the increase in the local expenditure during the year under report.

The Night Schools sent up, during the year under report, 18 candidates to the Lower Primary Scholarship Examination of whom 7 passed in the first division and 5 in the second. In the previous year 14 were sent up and 12 passed: 11 in the first division and 1 in the second. Of the year's Scholarships 2 have been recommended for successful candidates from the Night Schools

161. *Girls Schools.*—Last year closed with 3 aided and 4 unaided Lower Primary Girls Schools against 3 aided and 2 unaided Schools of this class in the previous year. The total number of Schools for the exclusive education of girls including the Sub-divisional Girls Schools, which have been returned with the Middle Vernacular Schools, was 11 and the total number of girls attending the several classes of Institutions under the Department was 648 against 9 and 439, respectively, of the preceding year. This increase in the number of schools and girls shows that the people are taking greater interest in the education of their daughters.

The 7 Lower Primary Girls Schools had 101 girls on their rolls on the 31st March, 1927, of whom 67 attended daily on an average. The corresponding figures in the preceding year for 5 girls' schools were 68 and 49. With the increase, therefore, of 2 in the number of Institutions, the number of pupils increased by 33 and the attendance by 18.

The total expenditure on these schools amounted to Rs. 206 of which the State paid Rs. 126 and the balance of Rs. 80 was met from local sources. The total expenditure in the year preceding was Rs. 187 and the other figures were Rs. 129 and Rs. 58 respectively. With the increase of 2 in the number of Institutions, the expenditure increased by Rs. 19 which was entirely borne by the people.

The number of girls sent up to the various Scholarship Examinations was 33 against 34 of the preceding year. Of these, 2 appeared in the Middle Vernacular, 7 in the Upper Primary and 24 in the Lower Primary Scholarship Examinations. Of the total of 33 candidates, 25 passed in the first division and 6 in the second. In the year preceding 34 girls were sent up, of whom 24 passed in the first division and 9 in the second.

Of the year's Upper Primary scholarships 3 were won by girls in general competition with the boys and 4 of the Lower Primary Scholarships were recommended for girls.

The first two places in the Middle Vernacular Examination were occupied by girls. Another girl occupied the second place in the list of successful Upper Primary candidates. The first places in the Lower Primary Pass Lists of Sudder, Dinhata and Mekligunj Centres were also secured by girls.

162. *Teachers Provident Fund.*—On the 31st March 1927, the number of teachers paying contribution to the Provident Fund was 60 against 58 of the previous year. The number of teachers who completed payment of their fifteen years' full deposits was 15 against 16 of the previous year. The amount at credit of the fund was Rs. 50,138-3-10 pies against Rs. 47,858-12-6 pies. Of this amount Rs. 6,951-3-7 pies were deposited in the Post Office Savings Bank, Rs. 12,850 invested in Government Promissory Notes, Rs. 7,500 in Post Office Cash Certificates, Rs. 5,042-1-4 pies in 6 per cent Government Bonds, Rs. 15,556-4-0 in 5 per cent Bonds and Rs. 2,238-10-11 in the Cooch Behar State guaranteed Bank. The State continued to pay its annual contribution of Rs. 500 to the Fund.

163. *Expenditure.*—The following table furnishes the details of expenditure incurred by the State under various heads during the year 1926-27 :—

Head of Expenditure.	Pay actually drawn.	Travelling allowance.	Peon and contingencies.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Inspector of Schools ...	1,748	893	.....	2,641
Deputy Inspector of Schools	909	475	132	1,516
3 Sub-Inspectors of Schools	1,874	664	288	2,826
Office Establishment ...	907	42	745	1,694
Total ...	5,438	2,074	1,165	8,677
Prizes and Rewards				943
Miscellaneous				1,821
Scholarships				1,346
Charges incurred by the State for the maintenance of schools ...				38,769
Grand Total ...				51,556
Repairs to State Model and Mofussil Schools				360
Purchase of Maps and Globes				150
Do. of furniture				100
Do. of Books on Teaching				50
Wool for the Sub-divisional Girls Schools				16
Purchase of a new Royal Type writer				350
Contribution towards the cost of repairing the Kholta Upper Primary School building.				20
Do. of a Tin house of the Deepchand Lower Primary School ...				70
Do. of repairs to the School house and the well of the Per-Mekliguuj Middle English School.				30
Do. of a corrugated iron shed for the Bhogdabri Upper Primary School.				175
Teachers Provident Fund				500
Total ...				1,821

The aggregate expenditure on Primary and Secondary Schools in the State during the year under report amounted to Rs. 85,645, of which the State contributed Rs. 38,769 and Rs. 46,876 was defrayed from the local sources. The corresponding figures for the previous year were Rs. 83,912, Rs, 38,626 and Rs. 45,356. There was thus an increase of Rs. 1,663 in the total expenditure in which the State's share was Rs. 143 and that of the people Rs. 1,520.

The charges under "Inspection and Control" were Rs. 8,677 against Rs. 8,628 of the year previous showing a slight increase of Rs. 49 mainly brought on by sanctioned periodical increments to the pay of the Inspecting Staff.

The miscellaneous charges including Scholarships and Rewards amounted on the 31st March, 1927 to Rs. 4,110 against Rs. 3,609 of the preceding year, showing increase of Rs. 501 which was mainly due to the purchase of a Typewriter for the Office of the Inspector of Schools.

A summary of all the sub-heads will show that the total expenditure incurred by the State for Primary and Secondary Education during the year under report came up to Rs. 51,556 which together with Rs. 1,591 remitted to the Treasury as fee collection from the State Model Schools, will bring the total to Rs. 53,117 against Rs. 52,372 of the previous year.

The sanctioned Budget grant for the year under report was Rs. 52,555 and an additional sum of Rs. 300 was sanctioned from the Reserve Fund of the Education Budget and the Contingent allotment of my Office for purchase of Maps, Books, etc.

Hence the total amount placed at the disposal of the Department came to Rs. 52,855. Deducting from this the total expenditure of Rs. 51,556 it will be found that a sum of Rs. 1,299 was left as Savings in the Budget allotment for the year 1926-27.

164. *Inspection.*—During the year under report the Civil Surgeon of the State visited the following schools for the purpose of medically examining the school children :—

1. Gitaldah Model
2. Dewanbosh M. V.
3. Haldibari M. E.
4. Kasiabari L. P.
5. Janglebosh M. V.
6. Khagribari L. P.
7. Sakunibala U. P.
8. Maranadirkuti L. P.
9. Patlakhowa U. P.
10. Pundibari Model.

The Inspection done by the different officers during the year under report was as follows :—

Names of officers.	Designations.	Circles.	No. of schools under inspection.	No. of visits paid.	No. of miles travelled.	Travelling allowance drawn.
						Rs. A. P.
Srijut Jnanada Charan Ghose ...	Inspector of Schools ...	Cooch Behar	344	198	4,210	892 10 0
Moulavi Mahomed Akbar Ali ...	Deputy Inspector of Schools	Mathabhanga	82	230	1,856	474 7 6
Srijut Aswini Kumar Pal ...	Sub-Inspector of Schools	Mekligunj	62	219	1,840	250 12 0
Moulavi Sheikh Doyal Mohamed	"	Dinhata.	95	231	1,848	248 5 0
Srijut Priya Bhusan Sen ...	" (Offg.)	Sudder.		70	839	76 13 0
" Mukunda Nath Eshore ...	"	Sudder.	105	108	797	96 7 0

It will be seen from the above table that the Inspector of Schools paid 198 visits to schools in the State and travelled over 4210 miles. He visited almost all the parts of the State and inspected most of the important aided and unaided schools.

Maulvi Mahomed Akbar Ali, B.A., Deputy Inspector of Schools, Mathabhanga, paid 230 visits to schools and travelled over 1856 miles.

Babu Aswini Kumar Pal, B. SC., Sub-Inspector of Schools, Mekligunj, paid 219 visits and travelled over 1840 miles.

Moulvi Sheik Dayal Mahomed, B. A., Sub-Inspector of Schools, Dinhata, paid 231 visits and travelled over 1848 miles.

Babu Priya Bhushan Sen, B. A., who officiated as Sub-Inspector of Schools, Sudder and Dinhata from 1st April, 1926 to 8th September, 1926, paid 70 visits to schools and travelled over 839 miles.

Babu Mukunda Nath Eshore, B. A., who joined his appointment as Sub-Inspector of Schools on 9th September, 1926 paid 108 visits to schools and travelled over 797 miles.

The Inspecting Staff and the office clerks worked well.

II.—Victoria College.

165. *Charge.*—Srijut Manoratha Dhan Dey, M. A., Principal, held the charge of this Institution as well as of the Jenkins School and the Boarding Institutions throughout the year.

166. *Number on the roll.*—The average monthly number on the roll was 323·25 against 345 in the preceding year showing a decrease of 21·75. The number on the 31st March 1927, was 332 against 348 on the corresponding date in 1926 showing a decrease of 16 or 4·8 per cent. The highest number of students on the rolls which was reached in August 1926, was 343 against 378 in September 1925 and was distributed as follows :—

1st	year	I. A., I. Sc. ...	93
2nd	"	I. A., I. Sc. ...	139
3rd	"	B. A. ...	23
		B. Sc. ...	13
4th	"	B. A. ...	41
		B. Sc. ...	34
		Total ...	343

167. *Free-students.*—Of the 332 students on the rolls on the 31st March 1927, 22 or 6·6 per cent were free-students against 24 out of 348 or 6·8 per cent in the preceding year. The free-students were classed as follows :—

Natives	18
Other Free-students (local or sons of State servants). ...	4

This includes also the inmates of the Rajgun Boarding Institution and recognised Rajguns who are, as a rule, entitled to free-studentships in the College.

168. *Average daily attendance.*—The average daily attendance was 214·3 in the year under report as against 243 in the preceding year or excluding three months *viz.*—January, February, March during which the 2nd and 4th year classes do not sit, 271·3 as against 290·6.

Percentage of attendance was 83·9 as against 84·2.

169. *Admission.*—186 students were admitted during the year under report against 231 and 237 in the two previous years *viz.*,—1925-26 and 1924-25.

170. *University Examinations.*—The following statement gives the number of students who appeared at the various University Examinations during 1926 and the number who were successful :—

	Examinations.			
	I. A.	I. Sc.	B.A.	B. Sc.
Number sent up	65	59	44*	13

		Examinations.			
		I. A.	I. Sc.	B. A.	B. Sc.
Number passed	First division	7	19	30*	5†
	Second "	13	19		
	Third "	5	6		
One subject only		3			
	Total ...	28	44	30	5

* Two with 2nd Class Honours in English, and one in Philosophy and 2 with distinction.

† One with distinction.

The subjoined table shows the number of students who appeared at the various University Examinations this year—1927. The results have not yet been declared :—

	Examinations.			
	I. A.	I. Sc.	B. A.	B. Sc.
Number sent up	32	60	40	29

171. *Residents of students.*—The following Hostels and unattached Messes were licensed by the University for the residence of the College students during the year under report :—

(1) The College Hindu Hostel.
(2) The Moslem Hostel.
(3) The Santi Kutir Mess.
(4) The Victor Lodge.

172. *Leave, appointment etc.*—Srijut Prafulla Ranjan Dhar, M. A., B. L., whose services were transferred to the State Police Department with lien upon his substantive post as Professor of English, reverted on the 2nd December 1926, and the services of Srijut Paresh Nath Ghose, M. A., appointed in his place, were dispensed with with effect from the 4th December 1926.

173. *Physical Training.*—The students played Cricket, Football, Tennis and Hockey as in previous years. Sports were organised on the occasion of the anniversary of Founder's Day on the 6th March 1927. His Highness the Maharaja Bhup Bahadur presided over the function again this year.

Discipline was on the whole satisfactory.

All the members of the College staff did their work satisfactorily in the year under report.

174. *B. Sc. Fund.*—The receipts and expenditure of the fund amounted to Rs. 17,239-12-11 (including last year's Treasury balance of Rs. 10,839-12-11) and Rs. 16,987-8-2, respectively, leaving a cash balance at the Treasury of Rs. 252-4-9 on the 31st March 1927.

The following statement gives the receipts and expenditure for the year 1926-27 :—

	1926-27.		
	Rs.	A.	P.
1. Establishment	37,371	3	9 (a)
2. [illegible]	4,044	12	9
Total ...	41,416	0	6
3. Receipts from fees	14,085	2	6
4. State grant	27,330	14	0
5. Cost of educating each student ...	128	1	11
6. State share of the cost per head ...	84	8	9

(a) Including the salaries amounting to Rs. 2,654-3-5 of the two Assistant Professors and Laboratory bearers in connection with the B. Sc. Teaching in the College, although it was really met out of the B. Sc. appropriations.

It will be seen from the above that the State share of the cost per head is Rs. 84-8-9 as against Rs. 65-2-1 in the previous year, being an increase of Rs. 19-6-8. This is due partly to the increase in the salaries of the staff and partly to the smaller number of students on the rolls.

III.—Jenkins School.

175. *Charge.*—Srijut Manindra Nath Roy, M. A., Head Master, held the direct charge of the School throughout the year.

176. *Numerical Strength.*—On the 31st March 1927, there were 556 pupils on the rolls of the school against 553 in the previous year.

Of the total number, 517 were Hindus and 39 Mahomedans. There was no Christian pupil in the year under report. These figures were 508, 44 and 1, respectively, in the previous year.

177. *Local pupils.*—The total number of local pupils was 545 against 519 of the preceding year. Of the total number 508 were Hindus and 37 Mahomedans. There was no Christian local pupil. These figures were 479, 39 and 1, respectively, in the previous year.

178. *Foreigners.*—The total number of foreign pupils was 11 against 34 in the previous year. Of the total number, 9 were Hindus and 2 Mahomedans. These figures were 29 and 5, respectively, in the preceding year.

179. *Cooch Behari pupils.*—The total number of Cooch Behari pupils was 136 against 133 in the previous year. Of the total number, 101 were Hindus and 35 Mahomedans. These figures were 96 and 37, respectively, in the preceding year.

180. *Attendance.*—As regards attendance of Scholars in the School, the average roll number was 525·50, average attendance 430·32 and percentage of attendance 88·23. In the previous year these figures were 515·83, 447·00 and 86·65, respectively.

181. *Annual Examination.*—At the Annual Examination of 1926, 462 boys appeared; 230 boys passed in all subjects and 330 boys were promoted. The percentage of pass was 50·54 and that of promotion 72·52. These figures were 506, 219, 365, 43·25 and 72·13 in 1925.

182. *University Examinations.*—In the year under report, 23 boys were selected out of 36 on the roll for the Matriculation Examination. Of the selected candidates, 19 were Hindus and 4 Mahomedans. The total number of Cooch Beharis selected was 4, of whom one was a Hindu and 3 Mahomedans. Out of 36 sent up 19 came out successful, 11 being placed in the 1st Division, 7 in the 2nd and 1 in the 3rd.

183. *Free Studentships.*—In the year under report there were 42 free pupils of all classes against 51 of the previous year. The free pupils were grouped as follows:—

Rajgons	4
Rajgon Boarders	8
Scholars	3
Ex-Scholar	1
Other free pupils	25
Special free pupil	1

These figures were 5, 10, 8, 2, 25 and 1 respectively in the previous year.

184. *Finance.*—The income and expenditure of the year under report and the preceding year are given below:—

	1925-26.			1926-27.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
(a) Income	10,868	9	6	10,869	5	6
(b) Expenditure ...	22,998	13	3	23,166	9	10
(c) State share of the cost	12,130	3	9	12,297	4	4
(d) Total cost per boy ...	44	9	4	44	1	4
(e) State share of the cost	23	8	3	23	5	6

The increase of expenditure was due to the increase of the pay of the staff on account of the introduction of the sliding scales of salaries. The income remained stationary.

185. *Discipline.*—The conduct of the boys in and out of School was satisfactory.

186. *Sports and Games.*—During the year under report, Drill and physical exercises as part of the routine work were given their usual place of importance in the Primary Department, but games could not be made compulsory for want of an adequate number of play-grounds.

The Gymnastic Master was not appointed in the year under report and the Games Master had to do the duties of two posts.

The Annual Sports were held on the Founder's Day. His Highness the Maharaja Bhup Bahadur was present and gave away the prizes.

The total expenditure on this head was Rs. 1,052-3-7 against Rs. 1,308-9-6 in the previous year.

187. *Staff.*—The teaching staff remained the same as in the previous year.

IV.—Boarding Institutions.

A.—*General.*

188. *Staff.*—There was no change in its personnel.

189. *Health and Sanitation.*—On the whole satisfactory, there having been no serious illness.

190. *Diet.*—Quality of diet was on the whole good. The prices of food stuffs were high and it has been found that the charge of Rs. 10 per mensem per student is not now sufficient to meet the charges on account of diet.

191. *Attendance.*—Attendance of the boarders was regular. Strict measures have been taken to ensure this.

192. *Physical Culture.*—Boarders took an active part in Games and special attention is being given to this side of their training and education. The hostel was visited by the University Inspectors in December 1926.

B.—*Collegiate Hindu Hostel.*

193. It received a monthly subsidy of Rs. 30 from the State. The monthly fee was fixed at Rs. 10.

194. The average monthly number on the roll was 63·25 as against 65·5 of the previous year and 63 of the year before last.

195. *Results of the University Examinations 1926* :—

Examinations.	Number appeared.	Number passed.	Remarks.
B. A.	2	1	
B. Sc.	11	5	
I. A.	3	1	in 2nd Division.
I. Sc.	13	8	1 in 1st Division, 7 in 2nd Division.

The total receipt, (including the cash balance of Rs. 3,404-0-2 of the previous year) and expenditure were Rs. 10,852-8-2 and Rs. 6,958-12-6, respectively, showing a cash balance of Rs. 3,893-11-8.

C.—*Rajgon Boarding Institution.*

196. The monthly stipend including tiffin grant was Rs. 13. The tiffin grant was raised by one rupee from March 1927.

197. The average monthly number on the roll was 16·58 as against 17·6 in the previous year and 18·41 of the year before last.

198. The number of new admissions was 6. There were 9 boys reading in the school and 7 boys in College in March 1927, of whom 9 were Rajguns and 7 Natives (non-Rajguns).

199. The tuition classes were regularly held and attendance was satisfactory.

200. *Results of the University and Annual Examinations 1926* :—

Examinations.	Number appeared.	Number passed.	Remarks.
B. A.	1	...	
I. A.	1	1	in the 2nd Division.
I. Sc.	1	...	
Matriculation	2	1	in the 2nd Division
Annual Examination	11	8	

201. Four Magazines, *viz.*, the *Prabashi*, the *Manasi-o-Marmabani*, the *Swasthya Samachar* and *Khokakhukoo* were subscribed to. Library books worth Rs. 78-3 including the monthly magazines were sanctioned.

202. The total receipts and expenditure were Rs. 5,128 and Rs. 4101-15 respectively, showing a saving of Rs. 1,026-0-10.

D.– *Moslem Boarding Institution.*

203. The number on the roll on the 31st March, 1926 was 8.
204. The average monthly number on the roll was 12·25.
205. The discipline of the Institution was on the whole satisfactory.
206. The health of the boarders was generally good.
207. The sanitation of the Institution was satisfactory.
208. *The Results of the University Examinations, 1926* :—

Examinations.	Number appeared.	Number passed.	Remarks.
B. A.	2	1	
I. A.	2	1	
I. Sc.	1	...	
Matriculation.	1	1	in 1st Division.

This year (1927) one B. A., two I. Sc. and one I. A., students appeared in the University Examinations.

209. The total collection and expenditure during the year under review was, Rs. 1,885-1-6 and Rs. 1,816-1-9 respectively, leaving a cash balance of Rs. 68-15-9 on 31st March 1927. Of the total receipt of Rs. 1,885-1-6, the sum of Rs. 355 was drawn from the Treasury as State subsidy and the balance of Rs. 1,530-1-6 was realised from the boarders.

VII.—MEDICAL.

210. *Charge*—Dr. Dineshananda Chakravarti, L.M.S., Civil Surgeon, was in charge of the Department throughout the year.

211. *General Health.*—The health of the State during the year under report was on the whole good. The following statement shows the number of cases of Malarial fever, Cholera and Small-pox during the last three years :—

	1924-25.	1925-26.	1926-27.
Malaria	18,582	21,016	17,259
Cholera	1,603	1,167	377
Small-pox	222	357	845

Some of the Mofussil schools were inspected by the Civil Surgeon during his tours with a view to ascertain the prevalence of Malaria and Bowel troubles in those institutions and also to check vaccination and Quinine Register.

212. *Hospitals and Dispensaries.*—There was no change during the year in the number of Hospitals and Dispensaries.

213. *Attendance of Patients.*—Table "Q" shows the attendance of patients at each of the Hospitals and Dispensaries. The total number of out-patients treated was 56,210 against 58,897 in the previous year, showing a decrease of 2,687 due to the comparatively healthy condition of the State.

The Spleen Index Register kept in the Sudder Hospital showed that out of 2,057 children examined 435 had enlarged spleens. The percentage of spleen cases was thus 21·14, showing a good year as regards malaria.

The total number of in-pntients was 1,616 against 1,615 in the previous year.

The percentage of deaths among in-patients was 11·63 against 14·04 in the previous year. The total number of patients treated in the Rajmata Cottage Hospital was 22, being the same number as in the previous year. A sum of Rs. 247 was realised as house rent against Rs. 194-8 in the previous year.

214. *Surgical Operations.*—The total number of Surgical operations (both Major and Minor) performed in the various Hospitals and Dispensaries of the State was 798 against 745 in the previous year. Out of the total number, 48 were Major operations, of which 37 were performed at the Sudder Hospital and the remaining 11 in the other Hospitals of the State, against 66·45 and 21, respectively, in the previous year.

215. Table "R" shows the list of Major Operations performed in the various Hospitals of the State during the year under report.

216. *Prevalent Diseases.*—Table "S" gives a list of the most prevalent diseases treated in the State Hospitals and Dispensaries with the results obtained.

217. *Mortality.*—Table "T" shows the particulars of mortality of the patients treated in the various Hospitals of the State.

218. *Prescriptions.*—The total number of prescriptions served in the Sudder Hospital during the year under report was 20,208 against 20,354 in the previous year. The total number of prescriptions served in the remaining State Hospitals and Dispensaries was 6,464 against 5,558 in the previous year.

219. *Jail Hospital.*—The general health of the Jail was good. The administration of quinine and castor oil as a routine practice to all prisoners proved successful in checking malaria and bowel complaints. The practice of compulsory vaccination and re-vaccination of prisoners at the time of admission was continued.

The following table furnishes the health statistics of the Jail :—

		1925-26.	1926-27.
1.	Daily average population	98	102·90
2.	Total admission into Hospital on account of sickness	51	54
3.	Average sick	0·98	0·14
4.	Deaths	1	2
5.	Percentage of death...	1·96	3·92

No serious epidemic broke out during the year under report.

722 cases of Malarial fever, 140 cases of Diarrhœa, 120 cases of Dysentery, 121 cases of Dyspepsia, 87 cases of Respiratory system, 54 cases of Debility and Anœmia, 36 cases of Rheumatic affection and one case of Tuberculous disease occurred during the year. Only two cases ended fatally.

Manufacture of Ærated water was daily supervised by the Jail Compounder and the strictest precautions were observed to avoid contamination.

Two Lunatics were under observation against three in the previous year.

220. *Police Military Hospital.*—Table "U" appended shows the total number of admissions in the Police Military Hospital with other particulars. Out of 621 cases treated during the year 470 cases or nearly 75·68 per cent were of malarial fever.

Diarrhœa caused 19 admissions, Diseases of Respiratory system 18, Dysentery 16, Diseases of Nervous system 6 and Debility and Anœmia 4.

221. *Post-Mortem Examination.*—The total number of post-mortem examination held in the State was 15 against 20 in the previous year, out of which 9 against 15 were held at the Sudder Morgue.

222. *Vaccination.*—The season for vaccination in the State is from 15th of October to 15th of March.

Table "V" shows the number of vaccination cases with the result. The number of persons vaccinated was 55,896 against 45,424 of the previous year. The percentage of successful cases was 86·39 against 89·42 in the previous year. The total cost of maintaining the Department was Rs. 4,102 against Rs. 2,630 in the previous year. The increase in expenditure was due to increased rate in price and increased quantities of supply of vaccine lymph and also increased number of Vaccination Operations.

223. *Meteorological Observations.*—The highest temperature recorded at the Sudder Station was 102° on the 23rd May 1926 and the lowest 44° on the 20th and 21st January 1927.

The annexed table "W" shows the total rainfall of the year under report and that of the last nine years. It was 131·76 against 128·60 in the previous year. The average rainfall of the last ten years is 154·90.

The rain gauges were regularly inspected by the Civil Surgeon during the year under report.

224. *Vital Statistics.*—The total number of births and deaths in the whole State during the year was 8,191 and 8,447 against 8,104 and 8,578, respectively, in the previous year. The birth and death rate per mille was 13·80 and 14·24 against 13·67 and 14·47, respectively, of the previous year. The high percentage of mortality was mainly due to Cholera and Bowel complaints, which may be attributed to the want of good drinking water. Malaria and Kala-azar also are responsible to the high percentage of mortality.

The statement below shows the births and deaths per thousands of the population of the town of Cooch Behar, for the last three years:—

Years.	Birth rates.	Death rates.
1924-25	5·06	10·47
1925-26	5·75	10·90
1926-27	5·32	10·67

225. *Inspection.*—The Hospitals and Dispensaries, the Jail and the Sub-Jails, Police stations and Out-posts were regulary inspected by the Civil Surgeon during the year under report. He was out of his Head quarters for 66 days on duty during the year under report against 42 days in the previous year.

226. *Maternity Cases.*—The Midwife attached to the Sudder Hospital attended 131 maternity cases, of which 61 were males and 70 females. Out of the total number, 9 were still born cases and 3 were difficult labour cases, and had to be attended by Surgeons.

Tufanganj and Mekliganj Sub-Divisions were each provided with a Midwife. In the latter place the cost was met partly by the State and partly by local contributions.

One Midwife was employed also at Dinhata and one at Mathabhanga the cost being borne by the Town Committees of those two places.

227. *Nurses.*—2 Nurses out of 3, were in service at the Sudder Hospital from the beginning of the year under report and the third one is being trained at the Eden Hospital, Calcutta.

228. *Cholera.*—Reports of cholera cases from some of the Sub-divisions of the State were received and the disease threatened to spread in epidemic form, which necessitated the appointment of a temporary Medical Officer. Tube wells were sunk in the affected taluks to supply pure drinking water. There were altogether 377 attacks out of which 241 died, *i. e.* 63·92 per cent cases died.

229. *Small-pox.*—Several taluks of the State were infected by Small-pox during the year under report necessitating the appointment of 2 temporary Medical Officers. The total number of attacks was 845 out of which 145 only ended fatally, *i. e.* 17·15 per cent cases died. The low percentage of mortality was due to thorough vaccination and re-vaccination.

230. *Free Distribution of Quinine.*—The scheme of free distribution of quinine in the State was continued during the year under report. 11,000 quinine tabloids altogether were supplied to the Fouzdari Ahilkar, Inspector of Schools and the Manager of Court of Wards, Cooch Behar, for free distribution.

231. *Receipts*—The statement below shows the receipts of the Department under different heads in the year under report, and for the two years previous :—

Heads.	1924-25			1925-29.			1926-27.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Prescription fees... ...	1,557	2	0	1,446	7	0	1,456	15	0
Sale proceeds of medicines ...	1,022	0	9	965	10	6	928	3	6
Ditto bottles &c. ...	52	4	6	76	2	0	69	11	0
House rent of the Rajmata Cottage Hospital.	203	8	0	194	8	0	247	0	0
Subscriptions for the aided Dispensaries.	742	0	0	1,829	0	0	1,396	0	0

232. *Expenditure.*—The annexed table "X" shows the expenditure of the State Hospitals and Dispensaries. It amounted to Rs. 29,977-3-1 against Rs. 28,842-4-7 in the previous year. The increase in the expenditure was due to the periodical increment of some of the staff. The total expenditure for maintaining the whole Department was Rs. 61,731-9-7 against Rs. 59,231 in the previous year. The increase in expenditure was mainly due to Cholera and Small-pox epidemics.

VIII.—VETERINARY.

233. *Charge.*—Srijut Mohanta Kumar Sen Gupta, G.B.V.C., Veterinary Assistant Surgeon, was incharge of the Veterinary Hospital in the Cooch Behar town during the year under report.

Srijut Abani Mohan Sanyal, G.B.V.C., 2nd Veterinary Assistant Surgeon (touring officer) was employed throughout the year in the Dinhata, Tufanganj and Sudder Sub-divisions with his head-quarters at Sudder. He remained in charge of the hospital in the Cooch Behar town during the absence on 30 days' privilege leave of the Veterinary Assistant Surgeon. He was also deputed to Mathabhanga for a period of 35 days to help the 3rd Veterinary Assistant Surgeon in attending outbreaks of cattle epidemic which broke out in a severe form in the latter's jurisdiction.

The 3rd Veterinary Assistant Surgeon (touring officer) Srijut Hem Chandra Sen Gupta, G.B.V.C., was employed throughout the year in the Mathabhanga and Mekliganj Sub-divisions with his head-quarters at Mathabhanga.

In the Veterinary Hospital at Cooch Behar 1899 fresh cases were treated during the year; *In-patients.*—12 equines, 40 bovines; *Out-patients.*—305 equines, 1285 bovines and 285 other animals as against 1770 fresh cases during the previous year; *In-patients.*—13 equines, 30 bovines and 7 other animals; *Out-patients.*—355 equines, 1095 bovines and 7 other animals—an increase of 129 fresh cases.

5,461 old cases were also treated at the hospital; *In-patients.*—125 equines, 620 bovines and 13 other animals; *Out-patients.*—802 equines, 3261 bovines and 663 other animals as against 4761 old cases of the year previous; *In-patients.*—123 equines, 549 bovines and 38 other animals; *Out-patients.*—881 equines, 2451 bovines and 719 other animals—an increase of 700 old cases.

234. Medicines were supplied at the hospital to 182 cases from different villages in the Mofussil and 61 cases from the town which were not brought to the hospital, against 112 cases from the Mofussil and 87 cases from the town in the previous year.

235. The Veterinary Assistant Surgeon in charge of the Veterinary Hospital of Cooch Behar town received from Police Station Kotwali 1 report of the outbreak of rinderpest and 14 reports from the owners of cattle of foot and mouth disease. He attended them all and inoculated 220 heads of cattle with the protective serum against rinderpest. He treated 25 cases of rinderpest and 131 cases of foot and mouth disease.

236. During the year under report the 2nd Veterinary Assistant Surgeon (touring officer) was on tour in the Mofussil for 143 days and visited 81 villages within his jurisdiction against 131 days and 90 villages visited in the year previous. He was also on tour in Mathabhanga and Mekliganj Sub-divisions, where he was deputed to attend on the outbreak of epidemics for 35 days and visited 35 villages.

237. 35 cases of rinderpest, 1049 cases of foot and mouth disease and 178 cases of non-contagious diseases were treated by the 2nd Veterinary Assistant Surgeon both in his jurisdiction and in the Sub-division of Mathabhanga and Mekligunj, against 65 cases of rinderpest, 59 cases of foot and mouth disease and 143 cases of non-contagious disease in his jurisdiction in the previous year.

238. The 2nd Veterinary Assistant Surgeon received from the Police Stations 30 reports of cases of rinderpest, 2 of hœmorrhagic septicæmia and 166 of foot and mouth disease. He attended all the cases reported except 51 cases of foot and mouth disease. No inoculation against rinderpest was carried out as all the reports of cases of rinderpest proved to be cases of foot and mouth disease except one which subsided and made no further progress. The villagers of that area also showed great aversion to the inoculation of their cattle.

239. 252 heads of cattle were inoculated against Hœmorrhagic Septicæmia with protective serum.

240. During the year under report the 3rd Veterinary Assistant Surgeon (touring officer) was out in the Mofussil for 230 days and visited 191 villages against 102 days and 68 villages in the previous year. The increase in touring was due to his working for the whole year while in the previous year he worked only from the middle of the year. He treated 5671 old and new cases both at head-quarters and in the Mofussil against 1093 in the previous year.

241. 177 outbreak reports were received by him. Of these 18 were rinderpest, one hœmorrhagic septicæmia, and 156 foot and mouth disease which were reported by the Police Stations. Two cases of old rinderpest and 10 of foot and mouth disease were reported by villagers.

242. In the area under his charge there were 20 reports of the outbreak of rinderpest, of which 8 proved to be other diseases, 6 quickly subsided and the rest were promptly attended to. 1020 heads of cattle were protected with anti-rinderpest serum, in addition to 322 heads of cattle inoculated by the 2nd Veterinary Assistant Surgeon who was deputed to work in the Sub-divisions for heavy outbreak of cattle epidemic.

243. There were three deaths from hœmorrhagic septicæmia against 57 in the previous year.

244 All the reports of out breaks of foot and mouth disease were attended to and medically treated. There were 29 deaths from this disease against 73 in the previous year.

245. There were 3 cattle fairs in the jurisdictions of both the 2nd and 3rd Veterinary Assistant Surgeons A large number of cattle were imported to those fairs from places outside the State, specially from Behar. The Veterinary Staff attended the fairs and took all necessary measures to prevent an epidemic amongst the cattle.

246. There are two stud bulls kept in the towns of Cooch Behar and Mathabhanga respectively under the management of the Town Committees.

247. During the year under report the Veterinary Inspector, Jalpaiguri Circle, paid only one visit to the Sudder Hospital.

248. The cost of the department during the year under report was as follows:—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Establishment	4,532	0	0
Medicine	2,210	4	0
Serum	562	8	0
Contingencies	366	13	4
Travelling allowances	8	0	0
Total ...	7,679	9	4

IX.—STATE LIBRARY.

249. *Charge.*—Srijut Charu Chandra Dutta, B.L., Librarian, was in direct charge of the State Library throughout the year.

250. Statement "A" shows that during the year under report 9 English and 38 Bengali books against nil in the previous year were purchased. Your Highness was graciously pleased to present some 161 English books and 50 Picture Albums. The Comptroller of the Household Department presented 42 English books and the Secretary to your Highness 3 Sanskrit books of the Gaeckwar's Oriental Series together with a Catalogue of manuscript in the Central Libraries, Baroda, Vol. I.

251. Statement "B" shows the number of newspapers and magazines subscribed or received free for the State Library. During the year under report the following papers and magazines had been added :—

The *Pioneer*, Allahabad.
The *Illustrated Times of India* (Lond.)
Punch, (Lond)

Great difficulty had been felt for many years for want of room to accommodate the reading public whose number has greatly increased.

Statement A.

No.	Languages.	No. of books on 31st March 1926.	No. of books purchased during the year 1926-27.	No. of books presented during the year 1926-27.	Total on the 31st March 1927.
1.	English ...	8,812	9	203	9,024
2.	Bengali ...	1,498	38	...	1,536
3.	Sanskrit ...	172	"	4	176
4.	Urdu and Persian	111	"	...	111
5.	Manuscripts	118	"	...	118
6	Foreign Languages	133	"	...	133
7.	Picture Albums	..	...	50	50
	Total ...	10,844	47	257	11,148

Statement B.

Names of Newspapers and Magazines subscribed for or received fees.

No.	Names.	No. of copy.		
1.	Statesman	1	Daily	Subscribed.
2.	Pioneer (Allahabad)	1	"	"
3.	Bengali	1	"	"
4.	Times of India (Bombay)	1	Weekly	"
5.	Times (London)	1	"	"
6.	Graphic	1	"	"
7.	Punch	1	"	"
8.	Cooch Behar Gazette	1	Fortnightly	Free.
9.	Strand Magazine...	1	Monthly	Subscribed.
10.	Mysore Economic Journal	1	"	"
11.	19th Century and After	1	"	"
12.	Review of Reviews	1	"	"
13.	Modern Review	1	"	"
14.	Probashi	1	"	"
15.	Bharatbarsa	1	"	"
16.	Manashi-O-Marmabani	1	"	"
17.	Bharati	1	"	"
18.	Bangabani	1	"	"
19.	Cooch Behar Administration Report ...	1	Yearly	Free.

X.—STATE PRESS.

252. *Charge*.—Srijut Gopal Gobinda Guha, Head Clerk and Sheristadar of the office of the General Department, and during his absence from head-quarters on duty, Srijut Janokiballabh Biswas, 2nd Clerk and Peshkar of that Office, held immediate charge of the State Press, under my direct control.

253. *Cooch Behar Gazette*.—The Gazette was as usual published regularly twice a month on each alternate Monday. The number of persons taking the Gazette during the year under report was 251, of whom 162 were paying subscribers. A sum of Rs. 513 was received on account of subscriptions and remitted to the local Treasury against Rs. 473 in the preceding year.

254. *Paricharika*.—The Monthly Bengali Magazine of the name ceased to exist during the year under report.

255. *Printing and Stamps*.—Stamps of different values were printed as usual, according to the requisitions of the Treasury Officer, Cooch Behar.

256. *Printing of Forms*.—1273 different forms, and reports were received from State offices for printing during the year against 1339 in the preceding year.

257. *Finance*.—During the year the total receipts derived from subscriptions to the *Cooch Behar Gazette* and the sale proceeds of Law Books, packing materials etc., were Rs. 638 against Rs. 602 and the total expenditure was Rs. 18,640 against Rs. 20,355 of the previous year. The decrease in expenditure was mainly due to using as far as possible old printing materials.

The existing old Machine Press went completely out of order, greatly delaying the execution of work.

The Press Staff on the whole worked satisfactorily.

I have the honour to be,
YOUR HIGHNESS'
Most obedient servant,
W. G. HUTCHINSON,
LT.-COLONEL,
Vice-President, Regency Council,
General Department, Cooch Behar.

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C.—*Annual Statement of prisoners of all classes in the Cooch Behar Jail for the year 1926-27.*

1		2		3				4		5		6		7		8		9		10		11	
Yearly aggregate of the daily total No. of prisoners of all classes sick and well.		Daily average of the foregoing.		No. of prisoners of all classes remaining on the last day of the preceding year.				No. admitted during the year.		No. received from other Districts.		No. received from the Lock-ups.		Total No. in Jail.		Trfd. to Lunatic Asylum or to other Jails, or to Port Blair including those in transit.		Released.		Escaped.		Died.	
				In Jail.		In Hospital.																	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
27355	204	102·34	·56	104	2	..	..	191	7	4	..	99	2	398	11	15	3	267	8	1	..	2	...

12		13				14		15				16		17		18	19		20
Total No. of columns 8 to 12.		No. of prisoners of all classes remaining in Jail on the last day of the year.				Number convicted during the year out of total admitted as per columns 4, 5 and 6.		No. under trial.				Average period of detention of under-trial prisoners.		No. the Jails capable of containing, at 540 cubic ft. per prisoner.		No. above capacity with reference to col. 2.	No. below capacity with reference to col. 2.		REMARKS.
		In Jail.		In Hospital.				Out of number in cols. 4, 5 and 6.		Out of number in col. 3.									
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	
284	11	113	..	..	...	197	3	152	7	5	...	21·08	..	..	...	...	...	...	

D.—*Annual Statement of prisoners of all classes in the Sub-divisional Lock-ups for the year 1926-27.*

1	2		3		4				5		6		7		8		9		10		11	
NAMES OF LOCK-UPS.	Yearly aggregate of the daily total No. of prisoners of all classes sick and well.		Daily average of the foregoing.		No. of prisoners of all classes remaining on the last day of the preceding year.				No. admitted during the year.		TOTAL.		Transferred to Sudder Jail including those in transit.		Released.		Died		Escaped.		Total of columns 7 to 10.	
					In Lock-up.		In Hospital.															
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Dinhata	1196	2	3·27	·005	7	..	...	...	101	1	108	1	35	1	68	..	...	...	..	...	108	1
Mathabhanga ..	2873	..	7·86	..	5	..	...	...	125	..	130	...	39	..	74	..	..	..	..	..	113	..
Mekliganj ...	1125	..	3·07	..	2	..	...	...	42	..	44	..	11	...	27	..	..	..	..	..	38	..
Tufanganj ...	864	...	2·36	..	3	..	...	..	55	..	58	...	38	..	17	..	...	...	...	...	55	..
Total ..	6058	2	16·56	·005	17	..	..	..	323	1	340	1	123	1	186	...	..	..	..	...	309	1

12		13		14						15		16		17	18
No. of prisoners of all classes remaining in Lock-ups on the last day of the year.		No. convicted during the year out of total admitted as per column 5.		No. under trial.						Average period of detention of under-trial prisoners.		No. the lock-ups are capable of containing at 540 cubic ft. per prisoner.	No. above capacity with reference to column 2.	No. below capacity with reference to column 2.
In Lock-up.	In Hospital.			Out of No. in col. 5.		Out of No in col. 4.								
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.			
31	..	...	..	80	..	254	1	8	..	77·59		36	....	....

JATINDRA MOHAN SEN GUPTA,
Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

[illegible] Statement shewing the outturn of the manufacture of the Cooch Behar Jail during the year 1926-27.

1	2	3			4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Total No. of prisoners employed in manufactures.			Value of articles sold during the year.								
Year.	Number of working day's in the year.	In the garden.	On all other manufactures.	Total.	Value of articles sold to outsiders.	Value of articles sold to other departments or for Jail use for which cash payment into the Treasury was made.	Value of articles supplied for use of the Jail other than for the manufacture department, for which no cash payment was made.	Value of articles supplied to other jails, for which no cash payment was received.	Total value of articles disposed of as per cols. 4, 5, 6 and 7.	Value of manufactured rticles in store on the 31st March 1927.	Value of raw materials in store on the 31st March 1927.	Value of plant, machinery, tools, &c. in store on the 31st March 1927.	Total of columns 8, 9 10 and 11
					Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
1926-27	308	2418	7784	10202	15,156 12 9	6,979 5 6	.....	.....	22,136 2 3	627 7 0	1,839 11 6	843 4 8	2,5456 9 0

* Made over to the Ricemill Committee.

13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Deduct value of manufactured articles in store on the 31st March 192 .	Deduct value of raw materials in store on the 31st March 192 .	Deduct value of plant and machinery, tools, &c. in store on the 31st March 192 .	Deduct charges incurred for raw materials, tools &c. in 192 -192 .	Total debits, as per cols. 13, 14, 15 and 16.	Deduct amount retrenched.	Difference between cols. 17 and 18, being net debits.	Profit being the excess of total of col. 12 over total of col. 19.	Loss being the excess of total of col. 19 over total of col. 12.	Net amount earned and credited to jail for hire of prisoners employed in State works.	Net amount earned and credited to Jail for value of labour of prisoners hired out to private parties.	Total of cols. 20, 22 & 23.	Cash realised and remitted to the Treasury during 192 -19 .	Total outstandings a the close of the year.
Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
5,[illegible] 6 0	2,565 5 6	1,062 2 0	11,524 13 2	20,687 10 8	.....	20,687 10 8	4,768 11 4	.....	.....	349 8 0	5,118 6 4	21,5[illegible]6 0 0	3,937 3 11

	Rs. A. P.
(1) Sale-proceeds of manufactured articles paid into Treasury ...	21,372 8 0
(2) Hire of convicts	223 8 0
(3) Miscellanous receipts	.....
Total Rs,	21,596 0 0

JATINDRA MOHAN SEN GUPTA,
Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

F.—*Statement shewing the value of labour of prisoners employed in the Cooch Behar Jail during the year 1926-1927.*

1	2	3	4	5				6			7			8			9		
				JAIL SERVANTS INCLUDING CONVICT WARDERS FOR WHICH NO CASH PAYMENT WAS MADE.				BUILDING AND REPAIRING JAIL FOR WHICH NO CASH PAYMENT WAS MADE.			ON STATE PURPOSE FOR WHICH CASH PAYMENT WAS MADE			WORKING FOR HIRE.			TOTAL OF COLS. 5, 6, 7, and 8.		
Name of Jail.	Average number sentenced to labour.	Daily average no excused labour on account of sickness and old age and awaiting medical examination and attending courts &c.	Daily average number excused labour on account of Sundays and Holidays.	Daily average number employed.	Ratio per cent. of average strength.	Average estimated daily earning per head.	Total estimated earning for the year.	Average number employed.	Average estimated daily earning per head.	Total estimated earning for the year.	Average number employed.	Average estimated daily earning per head.	Total estimated earning for the year.	Average number employed.	Average estimated daily earning per head.	Total estimated earning for the year.	Average number employed.	Average estimated daily earning per head.	Total estimated earning for the year.
						Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P
Cooch Behar Jail ...	92·66	6·43	14·70	27·88	30·08	0 6 0	3,220 8 0	2.80	0 6 0	324 0 0	19·71	0 6 0	2,277 12 0	3 03	0 6 0	349 8 0	53·42	0 6 0	6,171 12 0

10															11			12		
ON JAIL GARDEN.															ON MANUFACTURE &c.			TOTAL OF 10 and 11.		
Extent of ground under cultivation.	Weight of vegetables produced.	Quantity and value of vegetables purchased from bazar for the prisoners' use.		Average number employed, including fruit garden and for cultivation of field crops.	A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	F.		G.	H.		Average number employed.	Profits for the year.	Average profit per head of those so employed.	Total daily average number of prisoners employed.	Total profit.	Average profit.
		Quantity	Value.		Value of vegetables supplied to prisoners for which payment was not made.	Value of vegetables &c. supplied to prisoners for which payment was made.	Value of vegetables sold to outsiders.	Total of columns A, B and C.	Deduct cost of tools seeds, &c.	Actual profit. D minus E profit.	Actual profit. E minus D loss.	Total earning for the year.	Average earning per head.							
Bighas	Mds. Srs. Ch.	Mds. Srs. Ch.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
12	273 20 0	19 22 0	81 6 2	7·65	.....	418 1 0	690 2 3	1,108 3 3	307 14 9	800 4 6	.....	800 4 6	101 15 0		25·27	3,968 9 10	157 0 8	26·15	5,118 6 4	141 9 6

JATINDRA MOHAN SEN GUPTA,
Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

G.—*Statement shewing the cost of the Cooch Behar Jail during the year 1926-1927.*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
EXPENDITURE DURING THE WHOLE YEAR							AVERAGE GROSS COST OF EACH PRISONER ON ACCOUNT OF				
Travelling allowance.	Establishment.	Feeding, including luna ics at Berhampur & life convicts at Port Blair.	Clothing, Jail building, contingencies & Sick diet.	Total.	Deduct profit of manufacture, credited *vide*, column 12, Statement D.	Net cost.	Travelling allowance.	Establishment.	Diet.	Clothing, Jail building, contingencies &c.	Total gross cost per prisoner.
Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
23 2 0	6,555 1 2	7,160 0 9	6,411 0 9	20,149 4 8	5,118 6 4	15,030 14 4	0 3 6	64 0 9	69 15 4	62 10 3	196 14 1

JATINDRA MOHAN SEN GUPTA,
Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

H.—*Statement shewing the Jail offences and nature of punishments inflicted during the year 1926-27.*

1		2	3
Jail offences.		Description of punishments.	No. of convicts.
Relating to work	14	Loss of rimission	15
Having forbidden articles in possession...	13	Corporal punishment ...	1
Assault &c.	2	Degradation from Warder's post	3
Other breaches of Jail rules ...	31	Putting on Link fethers ...	7
Offences relating to escape	2	Wearing gunny suits ...	.....
		Putting in solitary cells ...	1
		Judiciay punished ...	4
		Warned	21
		Standing Hand-cuff	7
		Cross Bar fetters	.....
		Hard Labour ...	1
		Bar fetters	.. ..
		Night Hand-cuff	2
		Penal diet	.....
Total ...	62	Total ...	62

JATINDRA MOHAN SEN GUPTA,
Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

I.—*Statement shewing the General Receipts and Disbursements of the Sub-divisional Lock-ups during the year 1926-1927.*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Number of Lock-ups.	Daily average of the yearly aggregate No. of prisoners.	Disbursements.			Receipts.			Net cost.	Average gross cost per prisoner for establishment.	Average gross cost per prisoner for diet and contingencies.	Net cost for each prisoner during the year.	Remarks.
		On account of establishment.	On account of diet and contingencies &c.	Total expenditure.	From manufacture.	On account of wages of non-manufacturing prisoners.	Total receipts.					
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P	Rs. A. P.	
1	16·56	3,550 6 9	1,772 5 9	5,322 12 6	18 8 6	14 3 6	32 12 0	5,290 0 6	1,073 12 11	455 4 8	1,285 9 5	

JATINDRA MOHAN SEN GUPTA,
Officer in charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

COOCH BEHAR STATE.

J.—Abstract of Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. Dept., Cooch Behar State, for the year 1926-1927.

HEAD OF SERVICE.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1925-1926.		EXPENDITURE FOR 1926-1927.	
	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
ORIGINAL WORKS.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Civil Buildings ...	36,895	.....	1,09,220	.....
Forest	1.196	.....	1,307	.....
Total Original Works	.....	38,091	.....	1,10,527
REPAIRS.				
Civil Buildings ...	39,865	.....	38,446	.....
Military „ ...	1,370	.....	1,249	.....
Miscellaneous Public Improvement.	14,955	.....	1,10,299	.....
Total Repairs ...	.....	55,690	.....	1,49,994
TOOLS AND PLANT ...	11,917	.....	17,659	.....
Total Tools and Plant...	.....	11,917	.....	17,659
PROFIT and LOSS ...	.....	.....	117	.....
Total Profit and Loss	.....	.....	.....	117
ESTABLISHMENT.				
Public Works Department.	23,225	.....	38,261	.....
Dâk-Bungalows ...	1,995	.....	1,732	.....
Lansdowne Hall ...	1,130	.....	1,130	.....
Total Establishment...	.....	26,350	.....	41,123
Total final heads...	.....	1,32,048	.....	3,19,420
Add net Debits to Suspense heads.	.....	−2,594	.....	−93
Total P. W. D. Ordinary.	.....	1,29,454	.....	3,19,327
Unexpended balance remitted to the Treasury.	.....	25,477	.....	12,887
GRAND TOTAL ...	.....	1,54,931	.....	3,32,214
RECEIPTS.				
P. W. D. Miscellaneous receipts including Forest.	.....	12,219	.....	9,743
Total Receipts ...	.....	12,219	.....	9,743

S. C. MITRA,
State Engineer, P. W. Dept., Cooch Behar.

Detailed Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. Dept. for the year 1926-1927.—(Contd.)

Item No.	NAMES OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1925-1926.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1926-1927.		
			Annual.	Petty works.	Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
	Brought forward Original Works ...	36,895	1,01,701	.....	1,01,701
86	Completion of unfinished sheds for the Fire Brigade and the Crew.	.....	1,604	.....	1,604
87	Planting Kassia grass on the bank of Torsa river.	.....	.....	281	281
88	Construction of the Kitchen, Partry and Store room for the Vice-President's house.	.....	5,634	.....	5,634
	Total Original Works Civil Buildings ...	36,895	1,08,939	281	1,09,220
	Forest.				
89	Forest in general	359	605	.....	605
90	Planting and protecting trees	837	702	.....	702
	Total Forest ..	1,196	1,307	.....	1,307
	Total Original Works ...	38,091	1,10,246	281	1,10,527
	Repairs.—*Civil Buildings.*				
91	Anandamoyee Dharamsala	175	189	.....	189
92	Artisan School	326	232	.....	232
93	Bandmen's Quarters	855	324	.....	374
94	Boarding Institution with out-houses & Assistant Tutor's Quarters.	923	1,120	.....	1,120
95	Brahmo Somaj Building	295	322	.....	322
96	Cemetery	45	14	.....	14
97	Chain railing and gates at Haldibari	80	78	.....	78
98	Council Office with East and West wings ...	811	848	.....	848
99	Dâk Bungalow, Sudder	346	346	.....	346
100	Dâk Bungalows in Mofussil	1,098	1,248	.....	1,248
101	Dewan's House	481	654	.....	654
102	Dispensary, Sudder	499	424	.....	424
103	Dispensaries in Mofussil	1,364	1,455	42	1,497
104	Fouzdari office building	436	414	.....	414
105	Her Highness the Dowager Maharani's house ...	668	2,072	.....	2,072
106	Lansdowne Hall	1,091	1,353	.....	1,353
107	Maharajkumar Victor N. Narayan's house ...	1,695	1,489	.....	1,489
108	Mahomedan Boarding	194	128	.....	128
109	Malkutchery and Duar Office	261	256	.....	256
110	Office of the General Department	291	379	.....	379
	Carried over Total Repairs—Civil Buildings ...	12,004	13,345	42	13,387
	Carried over Original Works Civil Bulidings ...	38,091	1,10,246	281	1,10,527

Detailed Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. D. for the year 1926-1927.—Contd.)

Item No.	Name of Works.	Expenditure for 1925-26.	Expenditure for 1926-27. Original.	Petty works.	Total.
		Rs	Rs	Rs.	Rs
	Brought forward Original Civil Buildings Works	38,091	1,10,246	281	1,10,527
	Brought forward Civil Buildings Repairs ...	12,004	18,845	42	18,387
111	Philkhana with out houses	1,280	1,091	.....	1,091
112	P. W. D. Godown	160	190	.....	190
113	P. W. D. Overseer's Office and Godown at Nilkuty	77	37	.....	37
114	P. W. D. Office with out houses	324	402	.....	402
115	Quarters for the Senior Assistant Surgeon ...	330	332	.....	332
116	Quarters for Naib Ahilkars in the Sub-divisions ...	790	689	64	753
117	Quarters for the Fouzdari Ahilkar	168	126	.....	126
118	Quarters for the Inspection of Police at Haldibari	75	341	.....	341
119	Quarters for the Secretary to His Highness ...	349	462	.....	462
120	Quarters for the Superintendent of Boarding Institution.	206	192	.....	192
121	Quarters for the Supdt. of Police now occupied by the Fouzdari Ahilkar.	177	180	.....	180
122	Quarters for the State Engineer	258	462	.....	462
123	Quarters for the Principal, Victoria College ...	221	186	.....	186
124	Quarters for the Tehsildar at Haldibari	69	77	.....	77
125	Quarters for the Additinal Naib Ahilkars in the Sub-divisions	288	591	.....	591
126	Quarters for the Secretary to His Highness' staff	248	155	.....	155
127	Repairs to furniture of the Vice-President and Dowager Maharani's house.	833	2,269	.....	2,269
128	Repairs to State house purchase from Kumar Gajendra Narayan (Senior).	317	847	.....	847
129	Repairs to Junior Assistant Surgeon's quarters ...	262	39	.....	39
130	Repairs to Sudder Jail	916	662	.....	662
131	Repairs to Mahuts' sheds in the Sub-divisions ...	90	112	.....	112
132	Repairs to Sudder Model School	195	144	.....	144
133	Revenue Office and Treasury	280	349	.....	349
134	School Auildings (H. E.) with respective Boadings in the Sub-divisions.	2,101	2,106	162	2,268
135	Staff Bungalow	1,844	420	.....	420
136	State Kaviraj's quarters	301	242	.....	242
137	Sub-divisional Buildings	1,243	1,321	32	1,353
138	Sub-divisional lock-ups	746	738	.....	738
139	Sudder Police Station	165	110	.....	110
140	Superintendent of Philkhana's Bengalow ...	182	245	.....	245
141	Sunity Academy	202	320	471	791
142	Tan Godown at Nilkuti	54	8	.....	8
143	Tehsil Office with out houses at Haldibari ...	91	80	.....	80
144	Temples in town	1,030	1,090	.....	1090
145	Temples in Mofussil	1,202	1,361	.....	1,361
146	Tent Godwn at Nilkuti	256	122	157	279
147	Veterinary Hospital	218	223	.....	223
148	Vice-President's house	1,514	2,890	.....	2,890
149	Victoria Colleage and Jenkins School ...	1,420	1,765	.....	1,765
150	Repairs to Raj Ra endra Narayan Boarding Institution.	185	196	.....	196
151	Post Office Building (New)	228	284	.....	284
152	Post Office Building (Old)	118	.....	.....	.....
153	Repairs to 8 stable houses from out of Babu Jogendra Nath Sen's house.	249	325	.....	325
154	Dewan's Record Office	103	63	.....	63
155	Vice-President's house for 1924-25. ...	885	.....	.....	.....
156	Special repairs to the central sleeping shed and the Mahomedan cook shed of the Boarding house at [illegible]	989	.....	.....	.....
157	Thorough repairs to the State house purchased from Kumar Gojendra Narayan (Sr.)	3,919	.....	.....	.....
158	Repairs to the floor of the Audit office. ...	149	.....	.....	.....
	Carried over Repairs—Civil Bulidings ...	39,141	37,189	928	38,117
	Carried over Total Original—Civil Building ...	38,091	1,10,246	281	1,10,527

Detailed Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. D. for the year 1926-27—Contd.

Item No.	Name of Works.	Expenditure for 1925-26.	Expenditure for 1926-27. Original.	Petty works.	Total.
	Brought forward Original—Civil Buildings ...	38,091	1,10,246	281	1,10,527
	Brought forward Repairs Civil Buildings ...	39,141	37,189	928	38,117
159					
160	Repairs to Samadhi in the Keshab Asram ...	224	143	.....	143
161	Repairs to Railway Police quarters and Thana ...	.....	.....	104	104
162	Repairs to Tin Bungalow occupied by the Sahitya Sabha.	.....	.....	8	8
	Repairs to Brahma missionaries quarters ...	.....	.....	74	74
	Total Repairs—Civil Buildings ...	39,365	37,332	1,114	38,446
163	*Miscellaneous Public Improvement.*				
164	Repairs to Tanks and Wells	769	699	.....	699
265	Up-keep of Polo and Cricket ground at Nilkuti...	83	158	.....	158
166	Protection of Race course, Polo ground and Cemetery.	2,499	558	.....	558
167	Construction and maintenance of pucca wells. ...	11,604	.....	.....	.....
168	Maintenance of the Anti-cholera wells and tube-wells.	.....	1,800	.....	1,800
	Water Supply Scheme	.....	1,07,084	.....	1,07,084
	Total Miscellaneous Public Improvement ...	14,995	1,10,299	.....	1,10,299
169	*Military.*				
	Barracks, Stables and Magazine ...	1,370	1,249	.....	1,249
	Total Military	1,370	1,249	.....	1,249
	Total Repairs	55,690	1,48,880	1,114	1,49,994
	Tools and Plant.				
170	Purchase and manufacture of Tools ...	8,042	15,902	.....	15,902
171	Repairing Tools including Steam Roller ...	3,875	1,757	.....	1,757
	Total Tools and Plant ...	11,917	17,659	.....	17,659
	Profit and Loss.				
172	Profit and loss	.....	117	.....	177
	Total Profit and loss ...	.....	117	.....	117
	Establishment.—P. W. Dept.				
173	Engineers	4,800	16,851	.....	16,851
174	Upper Subordinates	2,195	2,311	.....	2,311
175	Lower ditto	2,759	3,225	.....	3,225
176	Petty	300	414	.....	414
177	Office	7,586	8,203	.....	8,203
178	Travelling allowance	2,969	3,747	.....	3,747
179	Inspection charges	100	337	.....	337
180	Contingencies	2,516	3,173	.....	3,173
	Total Establishment P.W D. ...	23,225	38,261	.....	38,261
	Dâk-Bungalow Establishment.				
181	Salaries	1,152	1,163	.....	1,163
182	Contingencies	843	569	.....	569
	Total Dâk-Bungalow Establishment ...	1,995	1,732	.....	1,732
	Lansdowne Hall.				
183	Lansdowne Hall Establishment	1,130	1,130	.....	1,130
	Total Lansdowne Hall	1,130	1,130	.....	1,130
	Total Establishment ...	26,350	41,123	.....	41,123
	Carried over Total Final heads ...	1,32,048	3,18,025	1,395	3,19,420

Detailed Annual Statement of Receipts of the P. W. D. for the year 1926-27.

Item No.	Details of Receipts of P. W. D. for 1924-1925.	Receipts for 1925-26.	Receipts for 1926-1927.		Total.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
	Brought forward total final heads ...	1,32,048	3,18,025	1,395	3,19,420
	Add debits to Suspense heads.				
184	Stock Purchase	1,992	3,928	.....	3,928
185	Stock sale	4,362	5,241	.....	5,241
186	Stock	6,148	11,521	.....	11,521
187	Miscellaneous Advance	406	922	.....	922
	Total debits ..	12,908	21,612	.....	21,612
	Deduct credits to Suspense heads.				
188	Stock Purchase	1,992	3,928	.....	3,928
189	Stock sale	4,198	5,627	.....	5,627
190	Stock	9,079	11,521	.....	11,521
191	Miscellaneous Advance	233	629	.....	629
	Total credits ...	15,502	21,705	.....	21,705
	Net debits to Suspense heads	– 2,594	– 93	.....	– 93
	Total Expenditure P. W. D. Ordinary ...	1,29,454	3,17,932	1,395	3,19,327
192	Unexpended Balance remitted to the Treasury ...	25,477	.....	.....	12,887
	Grant Total ...	1,54,931	.....	.....	3,32,214
	Receipts.				
193	P. W. D. Miscellaneous receipts	9,912	8,738	.....	8,738
194	Sale of Timbers and Forest ordinary ...	2,307	1,004	.....	1,004
	Total P. W. D. Miscellaneous Receipts ...	12,219	9,742	.....	9,742

S. C. MITRA,

State Engineer, P. W. D.,
Cooch Behar State.

PALACE PUBLIC WORKS.

K—Abstract of expenditure of the Palace Public Works for 1926-27.

HEADS OF SERVICE.	Expenditure for 1925-26.		Expenditure for 1926-27.	
	Amount.	Total.	Amount.	Total.
PALACE.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Cooch Behar.				
Original Works	2,839 0 0		1,41,366 0 0	
Repairs	27,822 0 0		25,542 0 0	
Establishment	680 0 0		710 0 0	
Total ...		31,341 0 0		1,67,618 0 0
Woodlands.				
Original Works	31,725 0 0		67,475 0 0	
Repairs	11,713 0 0		18,190 0 0	
Miscellaneous	12,962 0 0		19,278 0 0	
Establishment	1,712 0 0		2,229 0 0	
Total ...		58,112 0 0		1,07,172 0 0
Darjeeling.				
Original Works			18,922 0 0	
Furniture			2,430 0 0	
				21,352 0 0
Total Palace P. W. D. ...		89,453 0 0		2,96,142 0 0
Unexpended balance remitted to the Treasury	.....	6,706 0 0	.....	23,446 0 0
Grand total ...	.....	96,159 0 0	.....	3,19,588 0 0

S. C. MITRA,

State Engineer, P. W. D., Cooch Behar.

PALACE PUBLIC WORKS.

K.—*Details of expenditure for the year* 1926-27.

Item No.	NAME OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1925-26.	*Expenditure for* 1926-27.		
		Total.	Amount.	Petty.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
	PALACE.				
	Cooch Behar.				
	Original Works.				
1	Half-terracing the roof of the stable	2,222 0 0	.....	.....	.....
2	Providing revolving fan light with figured glass and some additions and alterations of the doors in Her Highness' wing in the Palace.	455 0 0	.....	.....	.....
3	Making pucca plat-form for guns in the Palace.	162 0 0	.....	.....	.....
4	Construction of new Turrets and certain additions and alterations to the Palace.	.....	1,29,720 0 0	.....	1,29,720 0 0
5	Purchase of carpets for the Palace	.....	11,646 0 0	.....	11,646 0 0
	Total Original Works—Palace, Cooch Behar.	2,839 0 0	1,41,366 0 0	.....	1,41,366 0 0
	Repairs.				
6	Improvement of Palace ground	2,005 0 0	3,009 0 0	.....	3,009 0 0
7	Out-houses of Palace (Pucca and Kutcha).	3,093 0 0	1,684 0 0	.....	1,684 0 0
8	Palace Repairs	11,399 0 0	12,503 0 0	185 0 0	12,688 0 0
9	Repairs to Rajandar including Rajmata's house.	2,127 0 0	2,444 0 0	.....	2,444 0 0
10	Repairs to Dynamo House with out-houses.	281 0 0	492 0 0	.....	492 0 0
11	Stable and coach house ...	884 0 0	736 0 0	.....	736 0 0
12	Repairs to Lightning conductors of the Palace and Stables.	2,722 0 0	.....	.....	.....
13	Out-side Surki pointing to the walls	5,811 0 0	.....	.....	.....
14	Out-side Surkee pointing to the Stable walls.	.....	1,766 0 0	.....	1,766 0 0
15	Furniture	.....	2,723 0 0	.....	2,723 0 0
	Total Repairs Palace, Cooch Behar.	27,822 0 0	25,357 0 0	185 0 0	25,542 0 0
	Establishment.—				
16	Pay of Sub-Overseer	680 0 0	710 0 0	.....	710 0 0
	Carried over Total Palace,—Cooch Behar.	31,341 0 0	1,67,433 0 0	185 0 0	1,67,618 0 0

PALACE PUBLIC WORKS.

Details of Expenditure for the year 1926-27.—(Contd.)

Item No.	NAME OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1925-26. Total.	Expenditure for 1926-27. Amount.	Petty.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
	Brought forward total Palace, Cooch Behar.	31,341 0 0	1,67,433 0 0	185 0 0	1,67,618 0 0
	Original Works.				
	Palace, Woodlands.				
17	Imitation granite stone floor in three rooms of the Main building.	3,892 0 0	.....	.....	.....
18	Certain additions and alterations in the Main building, Woodlands.	18,468 0 0	.....	.....	.....
19	Additional accommodation for the Stables at Woodlands.	9,365 0 0	.....	.....	.....
20	Additions and alterations to the main building at Woodlands with improved sanitary arrangements to the house itself.	.....	55,509 0 0	.....	55,509 0 0
21	16 connected Privies at Woodlands	.....	11,966 0 0	.....	11,966 0 0
	Total Original Works, Palace, Woodlands.	31,725 0 0	67,475 0 0	.....	67,475 0 0
	Repairs.				
	Palace, Woodlands.				
22	Remetalling compound Roads ...	999 0 0	1,982 0 0		1,982 0 0
23	Repairs to Houses and Up-keep of Roads &c.	10,164 0 0	16,208 0 0		16,208 0 0
24	Repairs to the Lightning conductor at Woodlands.	550 0 0	.....		.....
	Total Repairs, Palace, Woodlands	11,713 0 0	18,190 0 0	.....	18,190 0 0
	Miscellaneous.				
25	Taxes	12,962 0 0	13,383 0	.....	13,383 0 0
26	Furniture for Woodlands ...	.....	5,895 0 0	.....	5,895 0 0
	Total Miscellaneous, Palace, Woodlands.	12,962 0 0	19,278 0 0	.....	19,278 0 0
	Establishment.				
27	Pay of Overseer	856 0 0	880 0 0	.....	880 0 0
28	Travelling allowance of State Engineer.	801 0 0	1,297 0 0	.....	1,297 0 0
29	Travelling allowance of Overseer...	55 0 0	52 0 0	.....	52 0 0
	Total Establishment ...	1,712 0 0	2,229 0 0	.....	2,229 0 0
	Carried over total Palace Woodlands	58,112 0 0	1,07,172 0 0	.....	1,07,172 0 0
	Carried over Total Palace, Cooch Behar.	31,341 0 0	1,67,433 0 0	185 0 0	1,67,618 0 0

PALACE PUBLIC WORKS.

Details of Expenditure for the year 1926-27.

Item No.	NAMES OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1925-26.	Expenditure for 1926-27.		
		Total.	Annual.	Petty.	Total.
	Brought forward Total Palace, Cooch Behar.	31,341 0 0	1,67,433 0 0	185 0 0	1,67,618 0 0
	Broughl forward Total Woodlands	58,112 0 0	1,07,172 0 0	.....	1,07,172 0 0
	Original Works.				
	Palace, Darjeeling.				
30	Additions and alterations to the main building, refitting Electric light in the altered portion and repairs to compound path and Tennis Courts at Colinton.	.....	18,922 0 0	.....	18,922 0 0
	Total Originaf works, Palace, Darjeeling.	.....	18,922 0 0	.....	18,922 0 0
	Furniture.				
	Palace, Darjeeling.				
31	Purchase of furniture for Colinton	.....	2,430 0 0	.....	2,430 0 0
	Total furniture, Palace, Darjeeling	.....	2,430 0 0	.....	2,430 0 0
	Total Palace, Darjeeling ...	.....	21,352 0 0	.....	21,352 0 0
	Total Palace Public Works Dept.	89,453 0 0	2,95,957 0 0	185 0 0	2,96,142 0 0
	Unexpended Balance remitted to the Treasury.	6,706 0 0	.....	.....	23,446 0 0
	Grand Total ...	96,159 0 0	.....	.....	3,19,588 0 0

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...—Statement of Roads and Bridges under the charge of the Public Works Department

Serial No.	NAMES OF ROADS.	Width.	Bridges and Culverts.								
			Iron bridges.		Pucca bridges.		Wooden bridges.		Bamboo bridges.		Culverts.
			No.	Running ft.	No.	Running ft.	No.	Running ft.	No.	Running ft.	No.
	Roads.										
1	Buxa Road	20	4	339	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	2
2	Balarampur Feeder Road	15	5	249	4	100	...	.....	...	.....	9
3	Cross Road from Mathabhanga to Shitalkhuchi...	15	6	398	9	213	...	.....	...	.....	12
4	Ditto from Dinhata to Mekligunj ...	20	4	274	...	.....	5	148	1	20	7
5	Ditto from Patgram to Bhutan ...	15	1	56	...	.....	5	157	...	.....	2
6	Changrabanda Feeder Road up to Moranga *via* Ranirhat.	15, 12	1	120	5	51	2	98-9"	...	.....	9
7	Chowdhurihat Feeder Road	15	...	.....	3	33	...	.....	...	.....	3
8	Emigration Road west of Cooch Behar including Dewanganj Feeder Road.	20	11	959¾	14	660½	1	12	...	.....	17
9	Ditto east of Cooch Behar ...	20, 15	...	.....	...	.....	2	30-6"	...	.....	11
10	Feeder Road from Emigration Road to Patlakhawa	15	...	.....	...	.....	1	36	...	.....	16
11	Ditto Dewanhat to Balarampur ...	15, 12	2	98	...	.....	5	88	...	.....	3
12	Ditto from Cooch Behar to Shitalkhuchi including the track from Shibpur Bowrah.	15, 12	...	.....	...	.....	6	177	2	129	18
13	Falacutta Road	15	3	122	...	.....	1	6	...	.....	3
14	Gadadhar Road (Feeder Road from Baneswar to Natabari).	15	2	60	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	6
15	Janaki Tewari Road	15	3	132	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	12
16	Kashiabari Feeder Road	15	...	.....	...	.....	1	75	...	.....	2
17	Kakina Road with branches	20, 15, 12	3	126½	3	133	1	62	...	.....	18
18	Katamari to Manabari Road	15, 12	2	156	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	9
19	Lowkuti Road	15, 20	6	377½	2	103	2	24	...	.....	15
20	Manickgunj Feeder Road	15	1	14	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
21	Metalled Roads in the Town and Suburbs ...	20	1	22	1	38	...	.....	...	.....	8
22	Purbabhag Road	20	2	32	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	3
23	Roads and bridges at Nilkuti	25, 20, 18,	1	21	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	4
24	Ditto in the Suburbs	20, 15, 12, 10	1	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	10
25	Rungpur Road	20	5	246½	1	28	...	.....	1	32	13
26	Road from Mathabhanga to Moranga ...	15	...	.....	2	27	2	111-½	...	.....	11
27	Ditto Haldibari to Bhowlagunj ...	15, 12	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	3
28	Ditto Mathabhanga to Falacutta ...	10, 12	..	.....	...	.....	1	65	...	.....	5
29	Ditto Bhetaguri to Nazirhat	12, 15	...	.....	...	.....	2	62	...	.....	3
30	Ditto Dewanhat to Chilkirhat	10, 12	1	23	...	.....	1	62	...	.....	2
31	Ditto Fulbari to Chilkiguri	15 12, 10	1	24	...	.....	...	.....	2	24	6
32	Ditto Chilakhana to Bhatibari	12	...	.....	...	.....	1	15	...	.....	1
33	Ditto Cooch Behar to Garadhat ...	12, 15	...	.....	...	.....	8	244	...	.....	14
34	Ditto Baneswar to Sukundighi *via* Pundibari.	15, 12	1	20	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
35	Ditto Dinhata to Buxirhat	12	1	12	...	.....	..	.....	...	.....	3
36	Ditto Latkobari to Chowdhurirhat ...	12	2	63½	...	.....	..	.....	...	.....	3
37	Ditto Shahebgunj to Bamanhat ...	12	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	3
38	Ratherdanga Road	10	1	50	1	10¾	2	30	3	29	4
39	Salbari Road	12	...	.....	...	.....	1	10	...	.....	4
40	Ghokshadanga to Shukhandighi Road ...	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	2
41	Kristapur Road	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
42	Road from Changrabanda to Jamaldah ...	15	3	80	3	22¾	2	36	...	.....	1
	Total ...	.....	74	1085-7/12	48	1,420	52	1,549-9	9	234	274
	Village Paths.										
1	Bowti Road	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
2	Road from Garadhat to Bhalka	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
3	Balarampur to Shilkhuri and Fulkumar ...	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	1
4	Balarampur to Chilakhana	10	...	.....	...	.....	1	16	...	.....	1
5	Dhubri-Teesta Road to Durgapur	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
6	Kheti-Mathabhanga Road to Moranga with branch to Keshorhat.	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
7	Rungpur Road to Bamanhat through Gossaigunj	10	...	.....	1	15	1	10	...	.....	6
8	Pundibari Road to Sil Torsa	12	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
9	Road from Fulkumar to Nakkatigach ...	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
10	Small roads including road to Hatibandha ...	15, 10	1	80	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	1
11	Path from Cooch Behar to Tokoamari Road to Baneswar and to Marugunj.	10, 12	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	4
12	Road from Abutara to Bamanhat	12	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
13	Dhowlabari to Sissobtola	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
14	Path from Janaki Tewari Road to Ranirhat ...	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
15	Cooch Behar to Rajarhat Road	12	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	2	44	1
16	Debagram Road	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
17	Marugunj Road	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
18	Chatnai-Chilahati Road	15	2	97	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	4
19	Thanerhat Road	15	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
20	Falimari Road and Bhatibari Road	12	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	1
21	Falimari Railway Station to Purbabhag ...	15	...	.....	...	.....	1	45	1	12	1
22	Chenakata to Bairagirhat	15	...	.....	...	.....	1	32	...	.....	5
23	Road from Katamari Road to Khagendra Nath Deota's house (Mainagurihat.)	10	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....
24	Road from Noyahat to Dowagurihat ...	12	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	2
	Total ...	.....	3	117	1	15	4	103	3	56	27
		.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...	.....	.....

nd Expenditure in the year 1926-1927.

Metalled.	Length. Embanked and bridged.	Embanked but not permanently bridged	Neither embanked nor bridged.	Expenditure. Original Works.	Repairs.	Total.	Remarks.
.....	5	2	3½	.....	990	990	
.....	15	2	1	.....	2,078	2,078	
.....	12	.....	.....	219	2,092	2,311	
.....	27½	.....	1½	871	2,240	3,111	
.....	9	2¼	.....	7,703	2,010	9,713	
.....	14	.....	6	495	2,037	2,532	
.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1,080	1,080	
½	30¼	5	3¾	8,726	23,387	32,113	
.....	12	2	2	295	1,061	1,356	
.....	6	.....	5¼	.....	2,425	2,425	
.....	6	.....	.....	.....	992	992	
.....	15	.....	4	16	1,106	1,122	
.....	6	.....	.....	.....	71	71	
.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
.....	11	.....	.....	.....	1,016	1,016	
.....	2½	.....	.....	.....	271	271	
.....	31	.....	3¼	789	3,540	4,329	
.....	5¼	2½	1½	1,167	4,013	5,180	
¼	18⅔	4	2	*17,139	5,276	22,415	* This figure includes expenditure for temporary bridges for Shooting Camp.
.....	1	2½	.....	.....	99	99	
4¼	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,241	8,241	
.....	11½	.....	.....	.....	154	154	
2½	½	.....	.....	.....	1,312	1,312	
.....	8¼	.....	4	4,422	410	4,832	
.....	26½	.....	.....	4,072	1,139	5,211	
.....	.....	16	.....	262	474	736	
.....	2	.....	4	.....	464	464	
.....	4	4	4	25	400	425	
.....	4	.....	4	.....	175	175	
.....	2½	3	2	.....	.....	.....	
.....	7	.....	3	330	2,981	3,311	
.....	2	1	5	.....	497	497	
.....	12½	15	4	.....	6,598	6,598	
.....	.....	8½	4	1,113	216	1,329	
.....	6	.....	.....	.....	153	153	
.....	.....	6	.....	4,026	356	4,382	
.....	.....	3¼	.....	.....	147	147	
.....	3	2½	.....	.....	345	345	
.....	.....	.....	4¼	.....	431	431	
.....	.....	2	1¼	.....	.....	.....	
.....	.....	.....	5¾	.....	100	100	
.....	6½	.....	.....	.....	772	772	
7¼	331⅓	83 7/14	79 7/14	51,670	81,149	1,32,819	
.....	.....	.....	5				
.....	.....	.....	3				
.....	.....	2	12				
.....	.....	.....	6				
.....	1	.....	3				
.....	.....	.....	11				
.....	6	.....	10				
.....	.....	.....	2				
.....	.....	.....	2½				
.....	.....	.....	4				
.....	2	.....	8½	2,209	12,105	14,314	Memo.
.....	.....	3½	.....				Original and Repairs Rs. 1,47,133
.....	.....	.....	5				Add Clearing Jungles Rs. 1,985
.....	.....	2	.....				Add Inspection Bungalows Rs. 1,628
.....	.....	.....	8½				
.....	.....	.....	4¾				
.....	.....	.....	4¾				
.....	4¾	.....	.....				
.....	.....	.....	7¾				
.....	.....	.....	3				
.....	.....	2½	.....				
.....	.....	2	2				
.....	.....	.....	¼				
.....	.....	.....	3½				
.....	13¾	11¼	101¼	2,209	12,105	14,314	Total ... 1,50,746
.....	.....			[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

COOCH BEHAR STATE.

N.—*Abstract of Annual Statement of Expenditure of the C. I. Fund for the year 1926-27.*

Item No.	Service heads.	Expenditure for 1925-26.		Expenditure for 1926-27.	
		Amount.	Total.	Amount.	Total.
	Communication Improvement Fund.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1	Original Works	37,171 0 0	. .	53,879 0 0	
2	Repairs	51,789 0 0		96,867 0 0	
3	Drainage	1,266 0 0		80 0 0	
4	Contingencies	180 0 0		181 0 0	
5	Rest House Establishment ...	1,807 0 0		1,298 0 0	
	Total C. I. Fund ...		91,713 0 0		1,52,305 0 0
6	Unexpended balance remitted to the Treasury.	.....	33,130 0 0	.....	1,324 0 0
	Grand Total ...	.....	1,24,843 0 0	.....	1,53,629 0 0
	Receipts.				
7	Communication Improvement Fund Receipts. ...	13 0 0	.....	60 0 0	.....
	Total Receipts ...	.....	13 0 0	.....	60 0 0

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N.—*Detailed Annual Statement of Expenditure of the C. I. Fund for the year 1926-27.*

Item No.	Name of Works.	Expenditure for 1925-1926. Total.	Expenditure for 1926-1927. Annual.	Special.	Petty.	Total.
	Communication Improvement Fund.	Rs. A. P	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs.	Rs.
	Original Works.					
1	Bridges and Culverts	9,007 0 0	16,932 0 0	.....	.....	16,932
2	Changing B. P. trough plates on the 8th and 11th miles of Mathabhanga-Shitalkhuchi Road.	3,049 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
3	Iron Bridge on the 8th mile of Cross Road from Patgram to Bhutan.	2,773 0 0	1,891 0 0	.....	.....	1,891
4	Re-construction of a 50′ Iron Bridge on the 2nd mile of Ratherdanga Road.	2,962 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	Iron Bridge of 20′ span on the 30th mile of Purbabhag Road.	2,555 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	Iron Bridge on the 2nd mile of Durgapur Road.	7,845 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
7	Iron Bridge on the 5th mile of Emigration Road West.	4,645 0 0	458 0 0	.....	.....	458
8	Iron Bridge on the 11th mile of Cross Road from Patgram to Bhutan.	1,795 0 0	5,636 0 0	.....	.....	5,636
9	Timber Bridge on the 10th mile of Emigration Road West.	2,016 0 0	1,972 0 0	.....	.....	1,972
10	Reconstruction and extension of the Bhetaguri Iron Bridge on the Rungpur Road.	524 0 0	3,832 0 0	.....	.....	3,832
11	Protection of the Iron bridge on the Gidhari river on the 13th mile of Dinhata-Mekligunj Road.	.....	871 0 0	.....	.....	871
12	Renewing B. P. trough flooring of the 22nd mile culvert in the Lowkuty Road.	.....	100 0 0	.....	.....	100
13	Protection of the Lowkuty Road and neighbouring areas for the overflow current of the Takuamari River.	.....	6,249 0 0	.....	.....	6,249
14	Temporary bridges for the Shooting Camp.	.....	10,224 0 0	.....	.....	10,224
15	160′ Iron bridge on the Tanatani River in the 11th mile of Emigration Road west.	.....	5,714 0 0	.....	.....	5,714
	Total Original Works ...	37,171 0 0	53,879 0 0	.....	.....	53,879
	Repairs.					
16	Buxa Road	119 0 0	990 0 0	.....	.....	990
17	Balarampur Feeder Road ...	682 0 0	1,616 0 0	.....	457 0 0	2,073
18	Cross road from Mathabhanga to Shitalkhuchi.	2,275 0 0	1,179 0 0	.....	.....	1,179
19	Ditto Dinhata to Mekligunj	787 0 0	1,243 0 0	.....	207 0 0	1,450
20	Ditto Patgram to Bhutan ...	434 0 0	1,605 0 0	.....	.....	1,605
21	Changrabanda Feeder Road ...	1,309 0 0	1,011 0 0	.....	198 0 0	1,209
22	Chowdhurirhat Feeder Road ...	474 0 0	1,080 0 0	.....	.....	1,080
23	Clearing Road side jungles ...	1,011 0 0	1,985 0 0	.....	.....	1,985
24	Emigration Road west of Cooch Behar including Dewangunj Feeder Road.	4,286 0 0	1,980 0 0	19,490 0 0	524 0 0	21,994
25	Emigration Road east of Cooch Behar	266 0 0	1,061 0 0	.....	.....	1,061
26	Feeder Road from Dewanhat to Balarampur.	141 0 0	992 0 0	.....	.....	992
27	Feeder Road from Emigration Road to Pathakhawa.	1,770 0 0	846 0 0	.....	1,579 0 0	2,425
28	Ditto from Cooch Behar to Shitalkhuchi including the tract from Sibpur Bowrah.	1,092 0 0	381 0 0	.....	.....	381
29	Falacutta Road	.....	71 0 0	.....	.....	71
30	Flood damage repairs to roads & bridges	2,742 0 0	5,826 0 0	.....	.....	5,826
31	Inspection Bungalows ...	1,234 0 0	1,449 0 0	.....	179 0 0	1,628
32	Janaki Tewari Road	476 0 0	1,016 0 0	.....	.....	1,016
33	Kashiabari Feeder Road ...	141 0 0	100 0 0	.....	171 0 0	271
34	Kakina Road with branches ...	2,532 0 0	3,540 0 0	.....	.....	3,540
	Carried over Total Rpairs ...	21,771 0 0	27,971 0 0	19,490 0 0	3,315 0 0	50,776
	Carried over Total Original ...	37,171 0. 0	53,879 0 0	.....	.....	53,879

Detailed Annual Statement of Expendiure of the C. I. Fund for the year 1926-27.—(Concluded.)

Item No.	Name of Works.	Expenditure for 1925-1926. Total.	Expenditure for 1926-1927. Annual.	Special.	Petty.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
	Bought forward Original Works ...	37,171 0 0	53,879 0 0	.....	.....	53,879 0 0
	Brought forward Repairs ...	21,771 0 0	27,971 0 0	19,490 0 0	3,315 0 0	50,776 0 0
	Repairs (continued.)					
35	Katamari to Manabari Road ...	723 0 0	330 0 0	3,683 0 0	.....	4,013 0 0
36	Krishnapur Road	.....	100 0 0	.....	.....	100 0 0
37	Lowkuti Road	1,661 0 0	2,645 0 0	1,135 0 0	1,240 0 0	5,020 0 0
38	Manikgunj Feeder Road ...	105 0 0	99 0 0	.....	.....	99 0 0
39	Metalled roads in the Town & Suburbs	6,536 0 0	8,241 0 0	.....	.....	8,241 0 0
40	Purlabhag Road ...	365 0 0	154 0 0	.....	.....	154 0 0
41	Ratherdanga Road	1,276 0 0	155 0 0	.....	190 0 0	345 0 0
42	Roads and Bridges at Nilkuti ...	1,218 0 0	1,812 0 0	.....	.....	1,312 0 0
43	Ditt in the Suburbs ...	619 0 0	410 0 0	.....	.....	410 0 0
44	Road from Baneswar to Sukandighi *via* Pundibari	1,517 0 0	216 0 0	.....	.....	216 0 0
45	Road from Bhetaguri to Nazirhat ...	200 0 0	175 0 0	.....	.....	175 0 0
46	Road from Changrabanda to Jamaldah	565 0 0	494 0 0	.....	.....	494 0 0
47	Road from Chilakhana to Bhatibari ...	.....	497 0 0	.....	.....	497 0 0
48	Road from Cooch Behar to Garadhat ..	762 0 0	164 0 0	6,221 0 0	213 0 0	6,598 0 0
49	Road from Dinhata to Buxirhat ...	399 0 0	158 0 0	.....	.....	158 0 0
50	Road from Fulbari to Chilkiguri ...	908 0 0	2,961 0 0	.....	20 0 0	2,981 0 0
51	Road from Haldibari to Bhowlagunj ...	105 0 0	203 0 0	.....	.....	203 0 0
52	Road from Latkobari to Chowdhurirhat	199 0 0	356 0 0	.....	.....	356 0 0
53	Road from Mathabhanga to Moranga ...	1,600 0 0	474 0 0	.....	.....	474 0 0
54	Road from Mathabhanga to Falacutta ...	1,203 0 0	400 0 0	.....	.....	400 0 0
55	Road from Sahebgunj to Bamanhat ...	800 0 0	147 0 0	.....	.....	147 0 0
56	Rungpur Road	1,308 0 0	1,139 0 0	.....	.....	1,139 0 0
57	Salbari Road	177 0 0	381 0 0	.....	50 0 0	431 0 0
58	Village Paths	3,945 0 0	4,976 0 0	.....	200 0 0	5,176 0 0
59	Village Path from Hazrathat to Bairagirhat *via* Nayarhat	3,837 0 0	4,027 0 0	.....	.....	4,027 0 0
60	Thorough repairs to Giladanga Keshorihat village path.	.....	2,896 0 0	.....	.....	2,896 0 0
61	Gadadhar Road—Feeder Road from Baneswar to Natabari.	.....	.....	.....	34 0 0	34 0 0
	Totol Repairs ...	51,789 0 0	61,076 0 0	30,529 0 0	5,262 0 0	96,867 0 0
	Drainage.					
62	Opening and maintaining drainage channels in the State.	1,266 0 0	80 0 0	.....	.....	80 0 0
	Total Drainage ...	1,266 0 0	80 0 0	.....	.....	80 0 0
	Contingencies.					
63	Contingencies	.....	1 0 0	.....	.....	1 0 0
64	Driver of Steam Road Roller ...	180 0 0	180 0 0	.....	.....	180 0 0
	Total Contingencies ...	180 0 0	181 0 0	.....	.....	181 0 0
	Inspection Bungalow Establishment					
65	Chowkidars for Rest houses ...	1,307 0 0	1,298 0 0	.....	.....	1,298 0 0
	Total I. B. Establishment. ...	1,307 0 0	1,298 0 0	.....	.....	1,298 0 0
	Total C. I. Fund ...	94,718 0 0	1,16,514 0 0	30,529 0 0	5,262 0 0	1,52,305 0 0
	Unexpended Balance remitted to the Treasury.	33,130 0 0	.....	.....	.....	1,324 0 0
	Grand total ...	1,24,843 0 0	.....	.....	.....	1,53,629 0 0
	Receipts.					
	C. I. Fund receipts ...	13 0 0	.....	.....	.....	60 0 0
	Total Receipts ...	13 0 0	.....	.....	.....	60 0 0

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

CHAKLAJAT ESTATES.

P.—*Abstract of Annual Expenditure of the Chaklajat Public Works Department for the year 1926-27.*

HEAD OF SERVICE.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1925-26.		EXPENDITURE FOR 1926-27.	
	Amount.	Total.	Amount.	Total.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
ORIGINAL WORKS.				
Civil Buildings	1,652 0 0		5,704 0 0	
Total ...		1,652 0 0		5,704 0 0
REPAIRS.				
Civil Buildings	5,336 0 0		5,870 0 0	
Communication	157 0 0		165 0 0	
Miscellaneous	86 0 0		86 0 0	
Total ...		5,579 0 0		6,121 0 0
ESTABLISHMENT.				
Establishment including Contingency.	799 0 0		789 0 0	789 0 0
		799 0 0		
GRAND TOTAL ...		8,030 0 0		12,614 0 0
RECEIPTS.				
Sale proceeds of old materials &c.	29 0 0		68 0 0	
Total Receipts ...		29 0 0		68 0 0

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, CHAKLAJAT ESTATES.

P.—*Annual Statement of Expenditure of the Chaklajat P. W. D. for the year 1926-27.*

Serial No.	NAMES OF WORKS.	Expenditure for 1924-25. Total.	Expenditure for 1925-26. Annual.	Petty.	Total.
		Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
	Original Works.				
1	Reconstruction of the Mahuts' quarters at Debigunj.	698 0 0	.....	.....	.....
2	Pucca latrine in the Patgram Toke Kutchery.	289 0 0	.....	.....	.....
3	Constructi n of a Palks' cookshed in the Sonahar Kutchery.	389 0 0	.....	.....	.....
4	Construction of a Bhogghar in the Bhadreswar Temple.	326 0 0	.....	.....	.....
5	Constrctuion of a two-seated Latrine in the Amlas' quater at Jalpaiguri.	.....	564 0 0	.....	564 0 0
6	Construction of a two-seated Pucca Latrine in the Compound of Staging Bungelow at Debigunj.	.....	513 0 0	.....	513 0 0
7	Half-terracing the roof of the Bodeswari Temple.	.....	247 0 0	.....	247 0 0
8	Half-terracing the roof of the Manager's Residence at Debigunj.	.....	373 0 0	.....	373 0 0
9	Providing bricknogging wall and Pucca floor to the Manager's office Bungalow at Jalpaiguri.	.....	2,112 0 0	.....	2,112 0 0
10	Providing iron gratings to the windows of the Record Room and office building at Debigunj.	.....	316 0 0	.....	316 0 0
11	Providing wooden railing with painting to the Verandah of the Guest house at Debigunj.	.....	75 0 0	.....	75 0 0
12	Renewing corrugated iron roof of the old Record Room at Debigunj.	.....	1,504 0 0	.....	1,504 0 0
	Total Original Works ...	1,652 0 0	5,704 0 0	.....	5,704 0 0
	Repairs.				
	Civil Buildings.				
13	Amlas' quarters at Jalpaiguri ...	165 0 0	195 0 0	.....	195 0 0
14	Boda Toke Kutcheries (10 Tokes)...	1,142 0 0	1,181 0 0	.....	1,181 0 0
15	Compounders' quarters at Debigunj	43 0 0	53 0 0	.....	53 0 0
16	Cholera shed at Debigunj ...	19 0 0	33 0 0	.....	33 0 0
17	Dispensary and Native Doctor's quarters at Debigunj.	158 0 0	187 0 0	.....	187 0 0
18	Guest house at Debigunj	113 0 0	107 0 0	.....	107 0 0
19	Manager's Residence at Debiguni	388 0 0	408 0 0	.....	408 0 0
20	Manager's office Bungalow at Jalpaiguri	259 0 0	299 0 0	.....	299 0 0
21	Ditto ditto at Debigunj ...	512 0 0	346 0 0	.....	346 0 0
22	Patgram Toke Kutchery ...	228 0 0	213 0 0	.....	218 0 0
23	Philkhana and Mahoots' quarters...	39 0 0	71 0 0	.....	71 0 0
24	Rungpur Toke Kutcheries ...	719 0 0	957 0 0	.....	957 0 0
25	School Buildings in the Estates ...	318 0 0	309 0 0	.....	309 0 0
26	Staging Bungalow at Debigunj and Patgram.	485 0 0	609 0 0	135 0 0	744 0 0
27	Sub-Registry office building at Boda	48 0 0	87 0 0	.....	87 0 0
28	Temples in the Estates ...	700 0 0	680 0 0	.....	680 0 0
	Total Repairs ...	5,336 0 0	5,735 0 0	135 0 0	5,870 0 0
	Communication.				
29	Station Road	157 0 0	165 0 0	.....	165 0 0
	Total Communication ...	157 0 0	165 0 0	.....	165 0 0
	Miscellaneous.				
30	Tangali Bund, Tanks and wells ...	86 0 0	86 0 0	.....	86 0 0
	Total Miscellaneous ...	86 0 0	86 0 0	.....	86 0 0
	Total Repairs ...	5,579 0 0	5,986 0 0	135 0 0	6,121 0 0
	Total Original ...	1,652 0 0	5,704 0 0	.....	5,704 0 0
	Establishment.				
31	Peon	102 0 0	120 0 0	.....	120 0 0
32	Travelling and contingencies ...	493 0 0	329 0 0	.....	329 0 0
33	Chowkidar and Sweeper for Patgram Dâk Bungalow.	204 0 0	156 0 0	.....	156 0 0
34	Purchase of furniture for Patgram Staging Bungalow.	.....	184 0 0	.....	184 0 0
	Total Establishment ...	799 0 0	789 0 0	.....	789 0 0
	Grand Total ...	8,030 0 0	12479 0 0	135 0 0	12,614 0 0
	Receipts.				
35	Sale Proceeds of old materials ...	29 0 0	68 0 0	.....	68 0 0
	Total receipts ...	29 0 0	68 0 0	.....	68 0 0

TABLE Q.—*Showing the attendance of patients at each of the Hospitals.*

HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES.	In-patients.	Out-patients.	Total.	Average daily No. of In-patients.	Average daily No. of out-patients.
1926-1927.					
Sudder Dispensary	655	13.485	14,140	22·02	73 49
Dinhata "	84	9.211	9,295	1·72	68·45
Mathabhanga "	79	5.602	5.681	1·79	35·78
Mekligunj "	26	5.571	5 597	0·62	52·58
Tufangunj "	49	4.155	4,204	0·84	20·47
Haldibari "	46	7.703	7.749	0·94	57·13
Sitalkhuchi "	2	2.871	2 873	0·18	19·18
Nishiguni "	.....	5.775	5 775	.....	27·85
Jail Hospital	54	1,837	1,891	1·48	5·03
Police Military Hospital	621	.....	621	10·68	.....
Total ...	1,616	56,210	57,826	40·07	358·97
1925-1926.					
Sudder Dispensary	603	14,003	14.606	21·67	87 71
Dinhata "	99	8.425	8.524	1·83	63·43
Mathabhanga "	64	5.121	5.185	1·40	36·44
Mekligunj "	84	5.379	5,463	0·57	5[illegible]·34
Tufangunj "	55	5.573	5.628	0·69	24·57
Haldibari "	46	8.859	8,905	1·57	60·85
Shitalkhuchi "	14	3.717	3.731	0·38	20·97
Nishiguni "	.....	5,053	5,053	.....	27·52
Jail Hospital	51	2,767	2,818	0·98	7·58
Police and Military Hospital	649	.....	649	1·64	.....
Total ...	1,615	58.897	60.512	30·23	373·41

TABLE R.

Number of Major operations, and their results, performed in the various State Hospitals during the year 1926-27.

Serial Number.	Names of diseases.	Total cases.	Cured.	Relieved or Otherwise.	Death.	Remaining.	Nature of operation done.
1	Hydrocele	14	14	...	...	...	Radical Operation.
2	Sinus knee joint	1	1	...	...	...	Enlarged & counter opened.
3	Do. Chest wall	2	2	...	...	...	Do.
4	Do. Thigh	1	1	...	...	...	Do.
5	Abscess deep Back	1	1	...	...	...	Opened.
6	Do. Abdominal wall ...	1	1	...	...	...	Do.
7	Do. Buttock	3	3	...	...	...	Do.
8	Do. Chest wall	1	1	...	...	...	Do.
9	Do. Neck	3	3	...	...	...	Do.
10	Do. Forearm	1	1	...	...	...	Do.
11	Do. Thigh	2	2	...	...	...	Do.
12	Suppurative Scrotum	3	3	...	...	...	Incised.
13	Pyopneumothorax	1	...	...	...	1	Opened.
14	Epithelioma Penis	2	1	2	...	...	Amputated.
15	Compound fracture hand	2	1	1	...	...	Do.
16	Do. Finger	1	1	...	...	...	Do.
17	Cataract	2	2	...	...	...	Extraction of Lense.
18	Carbuncle	1	1	...	...	...	Incised.
19	Malformation, finger	1	1	...	...	...	Removed.
20	Cystic Tumours	2	2	...	...	...	Do.
21	Imperforate anus	1	...	1	...	...	Incised.
22	Ischio-rectal abscess	1	1	...	...	...	Opened
23	Abdominal Injury	1	1	...	...	...	Stiched in layers.
	Total ...	48	44	4	...	1	

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TABLE S.—*Showing the number of prevalent diseases and the results obtained in their treatment.*

DESCRIPTION OF DISEASES.	OUT-DOOR PATIENTS.		IN-DOOR PATIENTS.		RESULT OF TREATMENT OF IN-DOOR PATIENTS.					Total.	TOTAL OF OUT AND IN-DOOR PATIENTS.	
	1925-1926.	1926-27.	1925-1926.	1926-27.	Cured.	Relieved.	Discharged or otherwise.	Died.	Remaining.		1925-26.	1926-27.
GENERAL DISEASES.												
Kala-azar	19	43	49	19	10	6	2	1	.....	19	68	62
Malarial fever	20,459	16,516	557	743	661	48	14	16	4	743	21,016	17,259
Cholera	136	4	16	3	2	.....	.....	1	.....	3	152	7
Rheumatic affections	1,229	2,546	28	32	10	15	.....	6	1	32	1,257	1,578
Syphilitic ditto	94	121	13	12	5	6	.....	1	.....	12	107	133
LOCAL DISEASES.												
Respiratory affections...	2,682	2,695	51	38	28	9	.....	.....	1	38	2,733	2,733
Goitre	934	1,122	.....	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	2	937	1,124
Dysentery	1,282	1,179	89	71	49	10	.....	11	1	71	1,371	1,250
Diarrhœa	1,288	1,151	26	35	30	1	2	2	.....	35	1,314	1,186
Worms	305	1,048	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	307	1,048
Spleen	1,175	1,208	97	14	5	6	2	2	.....	15	1,272	1,223
Skin disease	7,278	7,633	11	27	21	4	2	.....	.....	27	7,29	7,660

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TABLE U.

Showing the sick and death rate of the Police and the Military Hospital.

YEAR.	Daily average of strength.	POLICE.			Daily average of strength.	MILITARY.		
		Admission.	Death.	Daily sick.		Admission.	Death.	Daily sick
1926-27	231	262	...	3 82	162·26	359	..	6·86
1925-26	334·58	225	...	0·62	155·29	424	2	1·02

TABLE V.

Shewing the result of vaccination operations.

		YEARS. 1925-1926.	1926-1927.
Total vaccinated ...	... ...	45,424	55,896
Males ...	... ...	29,358	34,316
Females ...	... .	16,066	21,580
Hindoos ...	... .	31,781	39,155
Mahomedans ..	... ...	13,613	16,698
Christians ...	... ...	.....	10
Other castes ...	... ...	.....	33
Under one year ...	... ...	3,338	4,733
Above one year ...	... ...	42,086	51,163
SUCCESSFUL CASES. Out of 4 points	4	3,276	5,418
	3	2,440	2,775
	2	17,377	8,302
	1	5,181	2,297
Out of 2 points	2	7,168	21,072
	1	5,378	9,446
Unsuccessful ...	... ...	3,556	5,478
Unknown ...	... ...	1,448	1,008
Total successful cases	.. ..	40,620	49,410
Percentage of do.	... ...	89·42	88·39

RAINFALL W.

MONTHS.	1917-18.	1918-19	1919-20.	1920-21.	1921-22.	1922-23.	1923-24.	1924-25.	1925-26.	1926-27.	Total.	Average.
April	10·80	9·71	4·36	3·10	22·79	4·98	8·22	9·98	9·60	1·57	85·11	8·51
May	5·04	15·83	8·61	15·46	57·31	9·05	22·73	17·00	11·36	7·82	170·21	17·02
June	39·49	35·74	32·46	53·00	45·26	38·87	20·31	53·41	36·05	37·30	391·92	39·19
July	26·07	49·39	29·54	16·91	73·44	30·47	22·33	34·78	14·69	52·39	349·98	34·90
August	11·87	27·63	9·53	59·40	20·03	29·14	8·01	21·99	26·56	13·70	227·86	22·78
September ...	18·13	9·99	32·01	48·16	22·81	15·25	34·58	16·17	24·39	12·87	234·36	23·43
October	14·75	0·90	13·51	16·16	8·95	2·02	3·97	6·04	1·60	3·26	71·16	7·11
November ...	...	...	...	...	0·08	0·01	...	2·57	0·63	...	3·34	0·33
December ...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	0·42	0·42	0·04
January	...	...	0·55	1·37	1·16	...	...	0·01	0·18	0·07	3·34	0·32
February ...	...	...	0·02	0·26	0·02	1·61	0·04	...	...	0·43	2·38	0·23
March	...	...	0·11	3·60	0·16	...	0·02	0·15	3·49	0·[illegible]3	9·46	0·94
Total ...	126·15	149·19	130·70	217·42	251·98	131·40	120·21	162·13	128·60	131·76	1549·54	154·9[illegible]

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Year.	Dispensaries.	Establishment.	Diet.	Contingent charges.	Postage.	Disposal of the dead body.	Travelling allowances.	Total expenditure.	Cost of each diet.	Clothing and beddings purchased and distributed to others.	Cost of stationery purchased and distributed to others.	Cost of medicines &c purchased and distributed to others.	Cost of furniture purchased and distributed to others.	Prescription fees.	Sale of medicines.	Sale of bottles etc.	Remarks.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
1926-27.	Sudder Dispensary	13,575 0 0	1,490 3 9	1,673 13 6	.....	37 0 0	206 3 0	16,782 4 6	0 2 11·59	1,000 0 0	225 0 0	10,300 0 0	81 5 6	1,096 0 0	453 7 6	34 8 0	
	Dinhata „ ...	1,763 6 0	114 10 9	115 7 6	8 2 0	1 0 0	15 10 0	2,018 4 3	0 2 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	74 12 0	33 15 0	9 2 0	
	Mathabhanga „ ...	2,386 14 6	161 1 11	95 6 9	7 0 0	.....	45 12 0	2,699 3 2	0 3 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	77 13 0	72 0 0	7 14 0	
	Mekligunj „ ...	1,983 13 11	69 12 9	90 15 6	4 11 0	.....	49 7 0	2,198 11 11	0 3 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	70 11 0	75 0 6	6 0 0	
	Toofangunj „ ..	1,659 0 0	48 4 11	76 5 5	4 15 0	1 0 0	10 10 0	1,800 3 4	0 2 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	67 3 0	30 8 6	1 4 0	
	Haldibari „ ...	1,664 0 0	105 5 9	97 14 9	7 0 0	4 0 0	4 8 0	2,102 12 6	0 4 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	69 8 0	262 11 0	7 7 0	
	Shitalkhuchi „ ...	1,176 7 2	10 9 0	54 2 6	3 5 0	.....	6 6 0	1,220 13 8	0 3 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 0 0	0 9 0	3 8 0	
	Nishigunj ...	1,080 0 0	.....	36 3 9	4 0 0	.....	4 10 0	1,124 13 9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
	Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	29,977 3 1	.....	1,000 0 0	225 0 0	10,300 0 0	81 5 6	1,456 15 0	928 3 6	69 11 0	
1925-26.	Sudder Dispensary	13,221 0 0	1,354 11 2	1,363 2 3	.....	34 0 0	214 6 0	16,187 3 5	0 2 9·11	1,000 0 0	225 0 0	10,191 0 0	100 0 0	1,066 2 0	402 6 9	42 7 0	
	Dinhata „ ...	1,574 0 0	107 0 6	116 3 9	6 11 0	1 0 0	46 0 0	1,850 15 3	0 2 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	88 2 0	68 8 0	8 7 0	
	Mathabhanga ...	1,824 0 0	121 13 6	91 7 3	5 0 0	2 0 0	107 2 0	2,151 6 3	0 3 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	87 15 0	98 8 9	9 10 0	
	Mekligunj „ ...	2,004 0 0	68 12 3	85 12 0	4 8 0	.....	32 8 0	2,195 8 3	0 3 2	.....	.....	.....	.....	68 3 0	108 9 0	5 2 0	
	Toofangunj „ ...	1,754 0 0	37 7 10	61 1 10	4 14 0	.....	16 0 0	1,872 7 8	0 2 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	80 11 0	46 11 0	3 14 0	
	Haldibari „ ...	1,985 0 0	52 5 6	93 13 0	3 12 0	4 0 0	126 9 0	2,265 7 6	0 3 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	55 6 0	240 15 0	4 10 0	
	Shitalkhuchi „ ...	1,260 0 0	18 14 3	24 13 6	4 5 6	.....	23 1 0	1,331 2 3	0 3 6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
	Nishigunj „ ...	945 0 0	.....	38 2 0	5 0 0	.....	.....	988 2 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 0 0	
	Total ...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28,842 4 7	.....	1,000 0 0	225 0 0	10,191 0 0	100 0 0	1,446 7 0	965 10 6	76 2 0	

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FROM

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Revenue Officer, Cooch Behar State.

To

HER HIGHNESS THE PRESIDENT, REGENCY COUNCIL,

COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 15th July, 1927.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Administration of the Revenue Department of the State for the year 1926-27.

2. The Department was under my control for the whole of the year under report.

SECTION I—LAND REVENUE.

3. The current demand of Land Revenue for the year under report was Rs. 20,42,380 and the arrear demand including Rs. 5,191 due to settlements concluded in the year under report with retrospective effect was Rs. 3,34,506. The total demand thus amounted to Rs. 23,76,886. The total collection was Rs. 20,44,098 but as this amount includes excess payments, amounting to Rs. 6,088, on account of future liabilities for Land Revenue, the net collection for the year was Rs. 20,38,010. Remissions were granted for Rs. 8,869. The net amount credited against the total demand of Rs. 23,76,886 was thus Rs. 20,46,879 (Rs. 20,38,010 plus Rs. 8,869) leaving a balance of Rs. 3,30,007 for recovery. The following table compares the figures for the last eight years :—

YEAR.	DEMAND.					Amount of collections.	Amount written off.	BALANCE.			Amount of excess payment or amount which though not forming part of the demand is included in the collections.	REMARKS
	Hal or current demand.	Bakeya or arrear demand.			Grand total of demand.			Out of arrear demand.	Out of current demand.	Total.		
		Amount of balance shewn in the statement for the previous year.	Increase.	Total arrear demand.								
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	
1919-1920 ..	16,06,256	94,963	5,053	1,00,016	17,04,274	15,81,932	1,016	43,031	84,002	1,27,033	5,707	
1920-1921 ..	18,62,391	1,27,033	3,169	1,30,202	19,92,593	17,98,023	2,268	60,873	1,38,723	1,99,596	7,294	
1921-1922 ..	19,09,384	1,99,596	3,796	2,03,392	21,12,776	18,03,012	3,568	1,04,132	1,08,427	3,12,559	6,363	
1922-1923 ...	19,55,550	3,12,559	574	3,13,133	22,68,683	19,52,538	605	1,34,179	1,88,320	3,22,499	6,959	
1923-1924 ..	19,95,478	3,22,499	301	3,22,800	23,18,278	19,69,501	592	1,53,692	2,01,708	3,55,401	7,215	
1924-1925 ...	20,36,394	3,55,401	1,498	3,56,899	23,93,893	20,50,573	1,233	1,66,392	1,81,980	3,48,372	6,285	
1925-1926 ..	20,32,883	3,48,372	1,907	3,50,279	23,83,162	20,52,644	6,636	1,85,286	1,66,029	3,29,315	5,433	
1926-1927 ..	20,42,380	3,29,315	5,191	3,34,506	23,76,886	20,44,098	8,869	1,98,405	1,31,602	3,30,007	6,088	

From the details in statements I. and II. appended to the report which refer to Mal and Debutter Land Revenue it will be seen that as compared with 1925-26 there was a gross increase of Rs. 19,433 and a gross decrease of Rs. 9,937 in the current demand, or a resultant net increase of Rs. 9,497. For facility of reference the different items of increase and decrease are shown in the following table :—

Particulars.	Increase.	Particulars.	Decrease.	REMARKS.
	Rs.		Rs.	
Increase due to Settlement of Khas Jotes.	501	Decrease due to relinquishment of jotes	1,488	
Increase obtained by Settlement of relinquished Jotes.	898	Decrease due to Jotes being made Khas under section 19 of the Revenue Sale Act.	268	
Increase due to settlement of Khas Lands.	699	Decrease due to diluvion	76	
Increase due to Settlement of Payasti lands.	1,023	Decrease due to the modification of the settlement increase	38	
Increase obtained by annual progressive enhancement of revenue entered in Towji.	4,837	Decrease due to the cancellation of the settlement of lands made twice over by mistake.	44	
Increase due to entry in the Towji of the Jama kept in abeyance.	15	Decrease due to the deduction in Jama at half rate.	473	
Increase due to rectification of mistakes.	448	Decrease due to deduction of Mohana rate.	38	
Increase due to inclusion in the town area of Cooch Behar of a part of a Jote bearing Towji No. 25 5.	248	Decrease due to the acquisition of lands.	99	
Increase obtained by the settlement of Syrat Mehals	11,264	Decrease due to the cancellation of of bad Jotes	528	
		Decrease due to the falling off of revenue from Syrat Mehals.	6,885	
Total ...	19,433	Total ...	9,937	

5. The increase in the current demand of revenue falls chiefly under Syrat Mehals, the revenue from which fluctuates from year to year. As against a net decrease of Rs. 8,458 in the revenue from Syrat Mehals in 1925-26, there was a net increase of Rs. 4,379 under the head during the year under report.

6. The increase obtained by the resettlement of Khas and relinguished Jotes as well as of Khas and Payasti lands amounted to Rs. 2,621 as against Rs. 2,525 of the previous year.

7. The collections for the year under report (Rs. 20,44,098) exceeded the current demand by Rs. 1,718 and the average collections for the preceding 5 years by Rs. 78,444, but fell short of the collections for 1925-26 by Rs. 8,546. Of the unrecovered balance of Rs. 3,30,007 shown in the table in paragraph 3 above, Rs. 1,29,362 was due at the close of the year from the Estates unde the management of the Court of Wards.

The following table compares the collections in each Sub-divisional office during the last two years :—

Name of Sub-division.		Demand. Current.	Demand. Arrear.	Demand. Total.	Amount collected.	Percentage of collections on current demand.	Balance.	Percentage of balance on total demand.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	
Sudder ...	1925-26	4,37,340	66,985	5,04,325	4,48,181	102·47	57,454	11·3
	1926-27	4,39,320	58,729	4,98,049	4,49,922	102·41	49,516	9·9
Tufangunj ...	1925-26	2,87,670	60,652	3,48,322	2,81,684	97·55	66,953	19·2
	1926-27	2,91,680	67,443	3,59,061	2,86,226	97·55	68,655	19·1
Mekligunj ...	1925-26	3,04,862	49,097	3,53,959	3,07,577	100·88	43,292	12·2
	1926-27	3,09,121	43,761	3,52,882	2,97,521	96 24	54,421	15·4
Mathabhanga ...	1925-26	5,32,137	89,484	6,21,621	5,40,609	101·59	81,128	13·0
	1926-27	5,32,748	82,289	6,15,037	5,33,932	100·22	81,419	13·2
Dinhata ...	1925-26	4,70,874	84,061	5,54,935	4,74,593	100·78	80,448	14·5
	1926-27	4,69,573	82,283	5,51,857	4,76,497	101·47	75,996	15·9
Total ...	1925-26	20,32,883	3,50,279	23,83,162	20,52,644	100·97	3,29,315	13·8
	1926-27	20,42,379	3,34,506	23,76,886	20,44,098	100·08	3,30,007	13·9

There was a slight falling off in the percentage of total collections on the current demand as compared with the previous year. Excepting in the Tufangunj and Mekligunj Sub-divisions, however, the collections exceeded 100 per cent of the current demand in all the Sub-divisions. The collections in the Mathabhanga Sub-division shewed a slight falling off as compared with the preceding year and the balances at the end of the year were heavier in the Tufangunj and Mekligunj Sub-divisions.

8. As shewn in the table in paragraph 3, the balance outstanding at the close of the previous year amounted to Rs. 3,29,315 while that brought forward in the accounts for the year under report was Rs. 3,34,506. The net increase of Rs. 5,191 was due to re-settlement concluded during the year under report with retrospective effect. The details of arrear balance at the end of 1926-27 are shewn in the following table :—

			Rs.
Details regarding balance shewn at the close of 1925-26.	1. Amount of balance shewn at the close of 1925-26 Rs. 3,29,315 ... A.	Amount collected during 1926-27	1,25,517
		Ditto remitted during 1926-27 ...	7,925
	2. Balance at the close of 1926-27. Rs. 1,95,873 ... (A-B).	Total ...	1,33,442 B
	3. Amount which may prove irrecoverable out of balance shewn against heading 2		Nil
Details regarding balance entered in the Towji during 1926-27 owing to retrospective settlements.	4. Amount of balance entered in the Towji for 1926-27 Rs. 5,191 ... C.	Amount collected during 1926-27 ...	2,653
		Amount remitted during 1926-27 ...	6
	5. Balance at the close of 1926-27 Rs. 2,532 (C-D).	Total ...	2,659 D
	6. Amount which may prove irrecoverable out of balance shewn against heading 5		Nil
	7. Total balance shewn against headings 2 and 5 ..		...1,98,405
	8. Total balance which may prove irrecoverable out of the balance shewn against headings 2 and 5 above		Nil

The amount remitted out of the arrear demand (Rs. 7931) together with the amount written off out of the current demand (Rs. 938) makes a total of Rs. 8,869 on account of remissions granted during the year which is only ·37 per cent of the total demand of Rs. 23,76,886. The remissions were due to diluvion, acquisition of lands for public purposes and other miscellaneous causes.

9. The total number of Jotes shown on the revenue rolls was 25,513 against 25,426 of the previous year. There was thus an increase of 87 Jotes due as usual to settlement of Khas lands and resettlement of Khas and relinquished Jotes. 7,192 Jotes were advertised for sale for arrears of revenue, out of which 732 were actually sold. The number of cases in which the sale was annulled was 188. The penalties realised amounted to Rs. 5,096 of which Rs. 1,768 was paid to the auction purchasers under Sub-section 5 of Section XXVII of the Revenue Sale Act.

10. There were 2,021 cases under the Public Demands Recovery Act, of which 1,650 were disposed of and 371 remained pending at the close of the year under report. The recoveries by this procedure amounted to Rs. 1,30,904 gaainst Rs. 1,38,695 of the preceding year.

11. *Canoongoes.*—As the settlement operations have not yet been completed Munshi Kazemuddin Ahmed, First grade Canoongoe of the Revenue Department continued to be on deputation to the Settlement Department. The sites of all the masonry pillars, to be replaced by re-inforced concrete pillars, on the boundary of the State were pointed out by Canoongoe Joytish Chandra Das Gupta to the Public Works Department Subordinates, except those in the Tufangunj and Sudder Sub-divisions. It is expected that the work will be finished during the current year.

The number of cases which remained pending with the Canoongoes at the end of the previous year was 185 and 1,794 cases were made over to them for enquiry during the year under report. The total number of cases for enquiry was thus 1,979 against 1,737 of the previous year, shewing an increase of 242 cases. Enquiries were completed in 1,770 cases, 20 cases were returned without enquiry and 189 cases remained pending at the close of the year. The number of cases enquired into in each Sub-division is shewn below:—

	Total for enquiry.	Number enquir-d into.	Number returned without enquiry.
Sudder	711	622	2
Tufangunj	540	488	13
Mekligunj	177	158	5
Mathabhanga	316	286	...
Dinhata	235	216	...
Total ...	1,979	1,770	20

12. *Revenue Cases.*—Three thousand seven hundred and forty-four cases were instituted during the year under report and 1,237 were pending at the close of 1925-26. The total number for disposal was thus 4,981, of which 4,116 cases were disposed of and 865 cases remained pending at the close of the year. The following table compares the work in the Sub-divissi nal offices during the last two years:—

Name of Sub-division.	Year.	Total for disposal.	Number disposed of.
Sudder ...	1925-26	1,108	792
	1926-27	1,020	865
Tufangunj ...	1925-26	1,387	1,056
	1926-27	1,211	1,015
Mekligunj ...	1925-26	858	756
	1926-27	795	730
Mathabhanga...	1925-26	1,283	949
	1926-27	1,210	938
Dinhata ...	1925-26	908	754
	1926-27	745	573

13. *Cases in which the State was a party.*—Two civil cases were disposed of during the year in which the State Pleader appeared on behalf of the State. One was suit No. 7 of 1921-22 (Umesh Chandra Bhaduri *Vrs.* Ramesh Chandra Bhaduri and the State) referred to in the preceding year's report. It was a case for establishing a 'Benami' title to Debutter property and it was dismissed with costs. The other was Civil suit No. 30 of 1926-27. (The Cooch Behar Banking Corporation *Vrs.* Sahanatulla and others. In this case the State intervened and claimed priority for some certificated dues and the claim was allowed in part.

14. *Nezarat.*—The following comparative table shows the work done by this department during the last 2 years :—

Year.	Process served free of charge.	Process for realisation of arrears of revenue for which fees are realised afterwards	Process for which fees have been realised.	Total number of process.	Amount realised.	Expenditure.
					Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1925-26	3,514	3,678	12,060	20,252	13,072 12 0	8,918 1 7
1926-27	3,423	2,294	12,456	18,173	12,129 10 0	8,843 14 7

The total number of processes fell from 20,252 in the previous year to 18,173 in the year under report. The number of processes for which fees were realised decreased by 604 and there was a corresponding decrease of Rs. 873-2 in process fees. The expenditure during the year was Rs. 8,843-14-7 which fell short of that of the previous year by Rs. 74-3. The total realisations exceeded the expenditure by Rs. 3,355-11-5.

15. *Communication Improvement Cess.*—The current demand during the year under review was Rs 1,951 against the same amount of the previous year. The arrears amounted to Rs. 448 against Rs. 365 of the previous year. The total demand was, therefore, Rs. 2,399 against Rs. 2,316 in 1925-26. Rs. 2,068 was collected during the year against Rs. 1,916 of the previous year. The excess collections, or collections made against future demands amounted to Rs. 41 against Rs. 49 of the preceding year. The collections made during the year exceeded the current demand by Rs. 117. The balance left unrealised at the close of the year was Rs. 373.

April	1·57
May	6·89
June	33·40
July	47·73
August	23·19
September	13·47
October	0·63
November	0·00
December	0·42
January	0·00
February	0·07
March	1·55
Total ...	128·92

16. *Crops and condition of people.*—The rainfall registered during the year at the Sudder Station was 128·92 inches against 126·90 of the previous year and the normal rainfall of 135·98 inches. The details in the margin* show the distribution month by month.

The seasonable showers in April and May facilitated the cultivation of Bitri crop but, in the Mathabhanga Sub-division the Bitri crop suffered on account of excessive rainfall. In the Tufanganj Sub-division there were no heavy floods during the year.

The transplantation of Haimanti paddy was retarded to some extent for want of sufficient rains in August and September; the outturn was however good. The price of common rice ranged from Rs. 6 to Rs. 7-4 per maund.

The high price of jute in the previous year induced an extension of the area under this crop. The weather conditions were favourable at the outset but difficulty was experienced later in finding sufficient water for steeping the jute and both the quantity and the outturn of the crop suffered in consequence.

The outturn of tobacco and mustard seeds was 10 annas and 12 annas, respectively, and the price varied from Rs. 13 to Rs. 20 and from Rs. 7 to Rs. 9-8 per maund respectively.

Small-pox, cholera and cattle diseases prevailed in all the Sub-divisions. Dinhata suffered the most from Small-pox and cattle diseases and Tufangunj from Cholera. The following table shows the number of cases and deaths in each Sub-division :—

Name of Sub-division.	Small-pox.		Cholera.		Cattle-disease.	
	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.
Sudder ...	208	56	96	80	38	26
Dinhata ...	460	69	60	45	1,470	21
Mathabhanga ...	72	19	87	52	...	...
Mekligunj ...	149	22	1	1	480	457
Tufangunj ...	2	1	167	107	...	...

17. *Emigration.*—The following table gives the details of each Sub-division :—

Name of Sub-division.	Emigrants.	Immigrants.
Sudder	...	12
Tufangunj	...	...
Mekligunj	28	54
Dinhata	...	15
Mathabhanga ...	14	22
Total ...	42	103

18. *Tours.*—I was away from Head-quarters for 115 days including the period spent in Darjeeling and Calcutta on duty.

The period of tour of each Naib Ahilkar is shewn in the following table :—

	Total number of days.	Number of nights passed in the interior.
SUDDER.		
Srijut Nogendra Nath Roy	...	...
„ Susil Kumar Chakravarti	7	...
„ Sarat Chandra Ghosal	20	...
Moulvi Ahmed Hossein Prodhan	4	...
DINHATA.		
Srijut Dakshina Ranjan Dhar	48	3
„ Nagendra Nath Roy	12	2
„ Niranjan Sen Gupta	12	...
„ Manabendra Nath Bhattacharyya	4	...
MATHABHANGA.		
Srijut Umanath Dutt	28	12
„ Himadriballabh Biswas	4	...
„ Dwijendra Chandra Sen	17	...
MEKLIGUNJ.		
Maulvie Bazley Rahaman Sirkar	53	29
Srijut Nagendra Nath Roy	24	14
„ Manabendra Nath Bhattacharyya	25	7
TUFANGUNJ.		
Srijut Manabendra Nath Bhattacharyya	6	6
„ Himadriballabh Biswas	4	2
„ Nirmal Chandra Mustafi	62	23

It is to be regretted that no regular camping was done by the Sub-divisional Officers. Their tours mainly consisted of return journeys to Head quarters. It cannot, I think, be too strongly impressed on them that a Sub-divisional Officer is expected to camp out in the interior for a reasonable period and that hurried journeys from and back to Head quarters are of no practical utility in getting into touch with the people of the Sub-division and gaining a proper insight into

local conditions and circumstances. During the year under report, however, they were handicapped in being deprived in the camping season of their tents and elephants which were required for the shooting camp at Takoamari but it is expected that proper touring will be done by them in the current year.

19. *Intestate property.*—The properties of persons who died intestate and heirless escheated to the State under the provisions of the Unclaimed and Intestate Property Act. The number of cases of such escheats and the recoveries made on account of them in each Sub-division are shewn below :—

Name of Sub-division.	Number of cases.	Amount recovered.
		Rs.
Sudder	4	256
Tufangunj	1	16
Mekligunj	...	...
Mathabhanga	9	281
Dinhata	...	...

20. *Conduct of officers.*—The Head Clerk and Sheristadar Srijut Mahim Chandra Mukerjee worked efficiently and satisfactorily throughout the year. He has left the office on promotion at the end of the year on his appointment as Registrar of the Regency Council.

SECTION II.—EXCISE REVENUE.

21. The Excise Revenue from outstills increased from Rs. 81,648 in 1925-26 to Rs. 82,680 in the year under report. The revenue from duty levied on consumption of Ganja increased from Rs. 76,740 to Rs. 88,363 and the revenue from Opium from Rs. 24,637 to Rs. 30,814. The current demand of Excise Revenue for the year was Rs. 2,55,983 against Rs. 2,34,167 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 21,816. Including the arrear demand of Rs. 422 the total demand was Rs. 2,56,405 The collections amounted to Rs. 2,55,983 out of the current demand and to Rs. 30 out of the arrear demand. The total collections were Rs. 2,56,013, of which the details are shown in the appended statement. Taking the total population of the State to be 5,92,472 as shown in the Census Report of 1921 the incidence of excise revenue per head was 6 annas and 10·97 pies.

22. The table below compares the collections in each Sub-divisional office during the last 2 years :—

Name of Sub-division.	Total demand for 1926-1927.			Total collections for 1926-1927.			Total collections for 1925-1926.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Sudder	91,289	0	0	91,289	0	0	84,880	0	0
Tufangunj	32,523	0	0	32,181	0	0	29,011	0	0
Mekligunj	47,756	0	0	47,756	0	0	42,408	0	0
Mathabhanga	39,179	0	0	39,179	0	0	37,729	0	0
Dinhata	45,658	0	0	45,658	0	0	40,660	0	0
Total ...	2,56,405	0	0	2,56,013	0	0	2,34,688	0	0

It will be evident from the above statement that there was a marked improvement in the collections of all the Sub-divisions, being cent per cent everywhere except in Tufangunj. The increase of Rs. 21,325 in the total collections was mainly due to the increased consumption of country spirit, Ganja and Opium.

23. The variations under each head of revenue are explained below :—

(a) *Country spirit.*—The current demand on account of license fees increased from Rs. 81,648 in 1925-26 to Rs. 82,680 in the year under report and there was a corresponding increase in collections. The collection from fresh date palm juice also increased from Rs. 95 to Rs. 170 in the year under report.

(b) *Imported spirit.*—The license fees amounted to Rs. 420 against the same amount in the previous year. The collections on account of license fees of denatured spirit was Rs. 65 against Rs. 30 of the previous year due to the opening of some new shops in the year under report. There was an increase in consumption from 343½ bottles in 1925-26 to 555½ bottles in the year under report resulting in an increase in receipts from duty from Rs. 128-13 to Rs. 208-5.

(c) *Ganja.*—The total demand on account of license fees was Rs. 45,014. The amount collected was Rs. 44,622 against Rs. 42,569 of the previous year. Rs. 392 was remitted during the year as being irrecoverable. The consumption amounted to 100 maunds, 16 seers and 8 Chhataks which exceeded the consumption of the previous year by 12 maunds and 35 seers. The increase in collections on account of duty which rose from Rs. 76,740 in 1925-26 to Rs. 88,363 in the year under report was due mainly to increased consumption.

(d) *Opium.*—The consumption of Opium amounted to 10 maunds and 34 seers which exceeded that of the previous year by 2 maunds and 7 seers. The duty levied during the year necessarily increased from Rs. 24,637 in 1925-26 to Rs. 30,8[illegible]4 The license fees, however, amounting to Rs. 4,128 continued to be the same as in the previous year.

(e) Thirty-four licenses, at Rs. 5 for each license, were issued to vendors of fresh *Tari* during the year under report and Rs. 170 was realised as revenue under this head.

(f) Sixty permits to Chemists and Druggists were granted during the year under report against seventy-five in the previous year. The license fee at Re. 1 each amounted to Rs. 60 against Rs. 75 of the previous year.

24. There were 3 cases instituted under the Excise Law during the year under report, of which 2 ended in conviction. The accused in the third case were discharged for want of evidence.

25. Rupees 4,052-0-3 was received from the Government of Bengal during the year under report against Rs. 3,969-0-6 of the previous year on account of compensation for transfer to that Government of the Excise Administration of all the isolated Chhits of Cooch Behar territory in Bengal.

SECTION III.—COURT OF WARDS.

26. *The Estates under the management of the Court of Wards.*—There were 26 estates under the management of the Court of Wards at the close of the previous year. In the year under review 5 estates were released and 1 sold under the orders of the Regency Council and a new estate was taken under management. Thus there remained 21 estates under the management of the Court in the year under report. A compartive statement showing the current and arrear demand of the estates as also the demands of Revenue and Rents due from them is given below:—

	1925-26.	1926-27.
	Rs.	Rs.
Current demand	2,38,404	1,91,057
Arrear demand	4,07,928	3,40,125
Total demand	6,46,332	5,31,182
Revenue and rents due to superior land-lords ...	1,62,194	1,30,432
Payment on account of revenue and rents to superior land-lords.	1,78,639	1,44,159

The decrease is due to the release and sale of certain estates as shown above.

27. The following statement shows the receipts and disbursement of the estates for the year under report:—

Particulars of receipts.	Amount. Rs.	Particulars of disbursement.	Amount. Rs.
Cash balance at the close of 1925-26	* 2,860	Fees for the management of the Estates...	17,474
Rent collection including interest ...	2,00,567	Revenue paid to the State and rents paid to the superior land-lords	1,44,160
Collections of costs	12,590	Law charges	16,695
Deposits and amounts credited by adjustment of advances ...	48,232	Payment of debts	12,333
Recovery of loans including interest and costs	5,163	Investment (deposits in Bank) ...	52,916
Deposits withdrawn from the Bank ...	44,214	Advances adjusted and deposits refunded...	95,011
Refunds and adjustment of advances ...	41,701	Purchase of property	85
Miscellaneous	4,789	Payment to the proprietors including charges for their maintenance ...	17,826
		Subscriptions from the Estates... ...	50
		Ferry tolls	96
		Miscellaneous	99
		Cash balance ...	3,171
Total ...	3,60,116	Total ...	3,60,116

* The cash balance at the close of 1925-26 was shown as Rs. 4,724 out of which Rs. 1,864 pertain to the estates released and sold. Hence Rs. 2,860 has been shown against Rs. 4,724 of the previous year under this head.

28. *Conduct of Officers.*—The Manager Srijut Pramatha Bhusan Chakravarti is an active and energetic officer who takes a keen interest in his work.

SECTION IV.—DEBUTTER DEPARTMENT.

29. During the year under report Madhyam Aye Brajeswari Gharani of the Raj Ander breathed her last on the 5th of February 1927. Her Brishayag Sradh was performed on the 13th day of her death according to the Kshatriya rites.

30. The total disbursements amounted to Rs. 62,357 against Rs. 54,068 of the previous year.

31. *Cooch Behar.*—The charges on amount of cost of establishment were Rs. 12,002 against Rs. 12,227, Pujas etc., and repairs to temples etc., Rs. 32,795 against Rs. 28,814, Dharmasala Rs. 2,277 against Rs. 2,397 and other miscellaneous charges Rs. 12,427 against Rs. 10,630 of the previous year.

32. All the periodical Pujas and Sradhs were duly performed. The Rashmela fair in the year under review was a great success and it was attended by Her Highness the Maharani Regent and His Highness the Maharaja Bhup Bahadur.

33. During the year under report 59,837 people were fed at the local Thakurbaris against 67,031 people in the previous year. 1,967 Atithis and guests were given *Sidhas* from the Dharmasala against 1,612 in the previous year.

34. The number of patients who attended the State Ayurvedic Charitable Dispensary during the year under report was 13,094 against 15,175 of the previous year with a daily average attendance of 35·87 against 41·57 of the previous year. The Ayurvedic garden in the town was maintained as heretofore.

35. Rupees two hundred was given as contribution to 2 native physicians of the State who have specialised in the treatment of ulcers and skin diseases.

36. Thirty-seven poor boys received educational stipends during the year under report of whom 18 were natives of the State against 39 of the previous year of whom 19 were natives of the State.

The total amount disbursed for stipends was Rs. 2,923 against Rs. 2,948 of the previous year. The results of the University Examinations of the year under report are not yet out. Munshi Afsaruddin Prodhan a native stipendiary of the State came out successful in the 1st M. B. Examination of the Calcutta Medical College. Another native stipendiary Kumar Surendra Narayan who was posecuting his studies in the Tata Institute at Jamshedpur completed his course of studies and secured a post there on Rs. 80 a month.

37. The amounts disbursed by the Debutter Department on account of contribution to religious and charitable institutions, donation, allowance to Rajguns as well as allowance to Brahmans and others were Rs. 7,612, Rs. 3,500, Rs. 31,408 and Rs. 11,952, respectively, against Rs. 7,505, Rs. 4,723, Rs. 30,470 and Rs. 12,755, respectively, of the previous year. In addition to the above amounts a sum of Rs. 3,400 [*viz.* contributions to the Victoria Institute for girls (Rs. 3,000) and to the Lowis Jubilee Sanitarium in Darjeeling for free beds (Rs. 400)] was paid direct from the Treasury Department in the year under report.

38. *Ben res.* The miscellaneous receipts including the sale proceeds of the garden produce at Benares and the house rents amounted to Rs 815 against Rs. 244 of the previous year. The increase occurred mainly under house rent. The expenditure on account of establishment and other charges was Rs. 5,903 and Rs. 13,955 against Rs. 4,037 and Rs. 18,302 respectively of the preceding year. The number of persons who were provided with free meals at the Chhatra was 75,777 against 90,080 of the previous year, showing a decrease of 14,303 persons.

SECTION V.—MISCELLANEOUS.

39. The total number of carts registered at the Bunder at Haldibari was 65,571 against 32,151 of the previous year showing an increase of 33,420 carts. The increase was mainly in the number of jute carts. The collection of tolls realised from the carts, together with miscellaneous receipts, came to Rs. 8,212 against Rs. 4,025-6 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 4,186-10. The expenditure amounted to Rs. 1,530-0-10 against Rs. 1,502-10-11 in the previous year. In the year under report 4,668 maunds of tobacco, 21,800 maunds of jute and 3,925 maunds of paddy were exported from the Calicagunj Bunder at Mathabhanga against 45,540 maunds of tobacco and 20,918 maunds of jute in the preceding year.

40. *Fairs.*—The total collections from the Garadhat, Fulbari and Changrabandha Fairs amounted to Rs. 680 against Rs. 1,029 of the previous year. The decrease was due partly to the leasing out of the Changrabandha Mela. The collection for Rashmela in the town of Cooch Behar during the year under report was Rs. 1,273 against Rs. 1,078 in the previous year. Annual fairs were held at Dinhata and Haldibari as usual and the collections from these two fairs were made over to the local Town Committees. An income of Rs. 360 was derived from the Gadadhar fair which is held in Taluk Ambari at the confluence of the Kaljani and Gadadhar rivers. The Shivaratri Mela at Baneswar yielded an income of Rs. 101 against Rs. 130 of the preceding year. The Baruni Snan Mela at Kalighat yielded an income of Rs. 28 in the year under report.

41. *Cooch Behar Town.*—The current demand of Land Revenue in the town was Rs. 27,540 against Rs. 26,178 of the previous year. The increase occurred mainly in the Syrat revenue from the Debibari Mela and Rash Mela and in the Tahabazar collections. Together with an arrear demand of Rs. 4,662 the total demand was Rs. 32,202 out of which Rs. 27,842 including an excess payment of Rs. 70 was collected and Rs. 738 was remitted leaving a balance of Rs. 3,622 at the end of the year against Rs. 3,918 of the previous year. The revenue derived from the town was as usual paid to the Town Committee of Cooch Behar.

I have the honor to be,

YOUR HIGHNESS'

Most obedient servant,

H. L. KHASTGIR,

Revenue Officer of the State,

Cooch Behar.

REVENUE STATEMENT No. I.—*Statement of Demands, Collections and Balances of Land Revenue (Mál) for the year* 1926-27.

Name of Mahal.	DEMANDS.			COLLECTIONS.			REMISSIONS.			BALANCES.			PAID IN EXCESS.		
	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Mahals permanently settled by unlisted or Revenue Tenures..	8,322 4 9	9 6 6	8,141 11 3	8,176 8 0	9 6 6	8,185 14 6	.....	.....	.....	6 9 7	.....	6 9 7	30 12 10	.....	30 12 10
Mahals not permanently settled ..	17,15,220 0 0	2,27,884 9 0	19,43,103 9 0	16,34,187 11 7	91,140 11 2	17,26,328 6 9	387 9 7	2,522 13 10	2,910 7 5	86,160 0 2	1,34,201 0 0	2,20,361 0 2	5,496 14 4	.....	5,496 14 4
TOTAL ..	17,23,591 4 9	2,27,873 15 6	19,51,965 4 3	16,42,364 3 7	91,150 1 8	17,33,514 5 3	387 9 7	2,522 13 10	2,910 7 5	86,167 2 9	1,34,201 0 0	2,20,368 2 9	5,527 11 2	.....	5,527 11 2
Syrat Mahals ..	1,57,732 15 8	86,733 5 1	2,44,467 4 4	1,18,226 0 10	31,270 12 10	1,49,496 13 8	550 0 0	2,424 3 6	2,974 3 6	39,043 14 5	51,938 4 9	90,982 3 2	85 0 0	.....	85 0 0
GRAND TOTAL ..	(a) 18,81,126 4 0	(b) 3,14,607 4 7	21,95,733 8 7	17,60,589 4 8	1,22,520 14 6	(c) 18,83,110 2 11	937 9 7	4,947 1 4	(d) 5,884 10 11	1,25,211 1 2	1,86,139 4 9	3,11,350 5 11	5,612 11 2	.....	5,612 11 2

EXPLANATIONS.

(a.)—The current demand for the year was Rs. 18,81,126-4-0 against Rs. 18,71,028-13-9 of the previous year. The gross increase amounts to Rs. 19,433-6-5 and the decrease to Rs. 9,936-10-6. There was thus a net increase of Rs. 9,496-11-11. The details are given below :—

INCREASE.

		Rs. A. P.
	Increase due to re-settlement of Khas jotes	500 9 11
	Ditto re-settlement of relinquished jotes	398 0 0
2.	Ditto settlement of Khas lands	699 6 9
3.	Ditto settlement of Payasthi lands	1,023 0 4
4.	Ditto annual progressive enhancement of revenue	4,837 6 1
5.	Ditto entry in the Touji of the juma kept in abyance..	15 6 6
6.	Ditto rectification of mistakes in the Touji	448 0 11
7.	Ditto inclusion in the Town area of a part of a jote	247 9 3
8.	Ditto re-settlement of Syrat Mahals	11,263 14 8
9.		
	Total ..	19,433 6 5
	Deduct decrease ..	9,936 10 6
	Net increase ..	9,496 11 11

DECREASE.

		Rs. A. P.
1.	Decrease due to relinquishment of jotes	1,487 15 7
2.	Ditto Jotes made Khash under section 19 of the Revenue Sale Act	267 14 11
3.	Ditto diluvion	76 0 1
4.	Ditto cancellation of settlement of lands made twice over by mistake	44 3 10
5.	Ditto modification of settlement rates	37 14 8
6.	Ditto assessment of jotes at half rates	472 9 1
7.	Ditto decrease in the frontage of a holding	37 11 6
8.	Ditto acquisition of lands for public purposes	99 7 4
9.	Ditto jotes made khas on account of their bad condition	523 3 10
10.	Ditto re-settlement of Syrats mehals at reduced Jamas	6,884 9 8
	TOTAL	9,936 10 6

(b.)—Total balance shewn at the close of the previous year 3,09,421 1 7
Arrears brought forward in this statement 3,14,607 4 7

Increase mainly due to settlement with retrospective effect 5,186 3 0

(c.)—The total collections include excess payments which form no part of the demand. These payments should be deducted in order to strike the balance correctly.

(d.) *Vide* Council Office No. dated

H. L. KHASTGIR,
Revenue Officer of the State, Cooch Behar.

REVENUE STATEMENT No. II.—*Statement of Demands, Collections and Balances of Land Revenue (Debutter) for the year 1926-1927.*

Name of Mehal.	DEMANDS.			COLLECTIONS.			REMISSIONS.			BALANCES.			PAID IN EXCESS.		
	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Estates permanently settled or Mokarari Mehals.	32 15 4	.....	32 15 4	32 15 4	....	32 15 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Estates not permanently settled	1,52,561 2 11	9,499 5 5	1 62,060 8 4	1,49,271 5 6	2,731 11 0	1,52,003 0 6	.....	.....	.....	3,750 7 2	6,767 10 5	10,518 1 7	460 9 9	.....	460 9 9
TOTAL ..	1,52,594 2 2	9,499 5 5	1,62,093 7 8	1,49,304 4 10	2,731 11 0	1,52,035 15 10	.....	.....	.....	3,750 7 2	6,767 10 5	10,518 1 7	460 9 9	.....	460 9 9
Syrat Mehals	8,660 2 8	10,399 4 7	19,059 7 3	6,034 4 4	2,917 2 0	8,951 6 4	.....	1,984 0 0	1,984 0 0	2,640 4 4	5,498 2 7	8,138 6 11	14 6 0	.....	14 6 0
GRAND TOTAL ..	1,61,254 4 11 (a)	19,898 10 0	1,81,152 14 11	1,55,338 9 2	5,648 13 0	1,60,987 6 2 (b)	.....	1,984 0 0	1,984 0 0	6,390 11 6	12,265 12 0	18,656 8 6	474 15 9	.....	474 15 9

EXPLANATIONS:

(a)—The current demand for the year is Rs. 1,61,254-4-11 against Rs. 1,61,854-0-3 of the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 599-11-4 which is chiefly attributable to the decrease due to re-settlement of Syrat mehals at reduced Jumas. The details are given below :—

INCREASE.

	Rs. A. P.
1. Increase due to annual progressive enhancement of revenue ..	196 6 1
2. " " re-settlement of Khas jotes ..	25 2 7
3. " " relinquished jotes	4 13 4
4. " " Syrat Mehals at favourable jamas	40 0 0
..	266 8 0

DECREASE.

	Rs. A. P.
1. Decrease due to jotes made Khas under section 19 of the Revenue sale Act ..	4 1 7
2. " " relinquishment of jotes	147 4 5
3. " " re-settlement of Syrat Mehals at reduced jamas	714 13 4
Total ..	866 3 4
Deduct increase ...	266 8 0
Net decrease ...	599 11 4

(b)—The total collections include excess payments which form no part of the demand. These payments should therefore, be deducted in order to strike the balance correctly.

H. L. KHASTGIR,

Revenue Officer of the State, Cooch Behar.

REVENUE STATEMENT NO. III.—*Statement of Demands, Collections and Remissions Balances of Excise Revenue, for the year 1926-27.*

EXCISABLE ARTICLES.	DEMANDS.			COLLECTIONS.			REMISSIONS.	BALANCES.		
	Current.	Arrear.	Total.	Current.	Arrear.	Total.		Current.	Arrear.	Total.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Tax of Out-still shops of country spirit	82,680 0 0	.....	82,680 0 0	82,680 0 0	.....	82,680 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ditto Fresh date-palm juice	170 0 0	.....	170 0 0	170 0 0	.....	170 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
License-fees of imported liquor shops ...	420 0 0	.....	420 0 0	420 0 0	.....	420 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ditto denatured spirit shops ...	65 0 0	.....	65 0 0	65 0 0	.....	65 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Duty on Ganja	88,363 0 0	.....	88,363 0 0	88,363 0 0	.....	88,363 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chemists and Druggists permits ...	60 0 0	.....	60 0 0	60 0 0	.....	60 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
License-fees of Ganja shops	44,592 0 0	422 0 0	45,014 0 0	44,592 0 0	30 0 0	44,622 0 0	392 0 0	.....	.....	.....
Ditto of Opium ,, ...	4,128 0 0	.....	4,128 0 0	4,128 0 0	.....	4,128 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Duty on Opium	30,814 0 0	.....	30,814 0 0	30,814 0 0	.....	30,814 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Duty on Imported spirit	208 5 0	.....	208 5 0	208 5 0	.....	208 5 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Miscellaneous collections	4,482 13 9	.....	4,482 13 9	4,482 13 9	.....	4,482 13 9	.....	.....	.....	.....
TOTAL ...	2,55,983 2 9	422 0 0	2,56,405 2 9	2,55,983 2 9	30 0 0	2,56,013 2 9	392 0 0	.....	.....	.....

H. L. KHASTGIR.

Revenue Officer of the State, Cooch Behar.

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No. 350.

FROM

H. L. KHASTGIR, ESQ., RAI BAHADUR, M. A.,

Revenue Officer of the Cooch Behar State,

In the Treasury Department.

To

HER HIGHNESS THE PRESIDENT,

Regency Council, Cooch Behar.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 27th/30th June, 1927.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report on the working of the Cooch Behar Treasury during 1926-27.

2. The Department was under my control throughout the year but the immediate charge of the Treasury was held by Srijut Sarat Chandra Ghoshal from the 1st April till the 20th August, 1926 and again from the 3rd October 1926 till the 10th January, 1927, by Srijut Susil Kumar Chakravarti from the 21st August, 1926 till the 2nd October, 1926 and by Srijut Sidheswar Banerji, under the supervision of Srijut Dakshinaranjan Dhar, from the 11th January, 1927 till the end of the year.

3. The year opened and closed with respective cash balances of Rs. 15,56,021 and Rs. 12,58,999 as shown below:—

	Opening balance. Rs.	Closing balance. Rs.
Cooch Behar State	5,63,943	3,82,129
Funds and Deposits	1,41,559	996
Government	8,50,519	8,75 874
Total ...	15,56,021	12,58,999

4. The total receipts and disbursements of the year amounted to Rs. 65,94,786 and Rs. 68,91,809 against Rs. 59,74,654 and Rs. 59,68,369, respectively, of the previous year.

5. The total stamp revenue of the year under report amounted to Rs. 3,38,917-9-9 against Rs. 3,31,184-12 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 7,732-13-9 as shown below:—

Kinds of stamps.	1925-26.			1926-27.			Increase.			Decrease.			Remarks.
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	
Service Stamps ...	7,825	5	0	10,365	12	0	2,540	7	0	.....			
Judicial including Settlement Stamps.	1,89,306	8	0	2,01,513	0	0	12,206	8	0	.....			
Documentary ...	57,815	8	0	53,698	12	0	.....			4,116	12	0	
Court-fee ...	58,672	4	0	56,074	0	0	.....			2,598	4	0	
Copying-fee ...	6,601	5	0	6,854	8	0	253	3	0	.....			
Adhesive ...	7,140	0	0	7,866	0	0	726	0	0	.....			
Embossed ...	14	1	0	25	0	0	10	15	0	.....			
Cartridge paper ...	2,966	1	0	1,974	10	9	.....			991	6	3	
Miscellaneous	843	12	0	545	15	0	.....			297	13	0	
Total ...	3,31,184	12	0	3,38,917	9	9	15,737	1	0	8,004	3	3	

6. Statement A hereto annexed shows the stamp revenue collected in the different Sub-Treasuries with the exception of Settlement Stamps.

7. The following table shows the sale of Settlement Stamps during 1926-27:—

Names of Sub-Divisions.	With Commission.	Without Commission.	Commission to vendors.	Net amount.
Sudder	2,916 0 0	.....	45 9 0	2,870 7 0
Dinhata	3,874 0 0	.....	60 8 6	3 813 7 6
Mathabhanga	1,472 0 0	.....	23 0 0	1,449 0 0
Mekligunj	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tufangunj	523 0 0	.....	8 2 9	514 13 3
Total ...	8,785 0 0	.....	137 4 3	8,647 11 9

8. The total value of currency notes received into and issued from the Treasury was Rs, 95,50,520 and Rs. 91,40,200, respectively, against Rs. 65,33,520 and Rs. 60,40,415, respectively, of the previous year. Thus the receipts and issues were in excess by Rs. 30,17,000 and Rs. 30,99,785 respectively.

9. *Character of Officers.*—The officers who held charge of the Treasury during the year all worked satisfactorily.

I have the honour to be,
YOUR HIGHNESS'
Most obedient, humble servant,
H. L. KHASTGIR,
Revenue Officer,
In the Treasury Department,
Cooch Behar.

STATEMENT A.

Statement showing the sale of Stamps during the year 1926-1927.

Names of Sub-divisions.	Judicial. With commission.	Judicial. Without commission.	Documentary. With commission.	Documentary. Without commission.	Court fee. With commission.	Court fee. Without commission.	Copying fee. With commission.	Copying fee. Without commission.	Miscellaneous. Fines & penalties.	Miscellaneous. Duty on unstamped papers.	Total.
	Rs. A.P.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A	Rs. A.P.
udder	60,542 0 0	8,472 0	13,604 4	540 0	15,975 8	....	2,649 0	....	260 0	112 3	1,02,154 15 0
Dinhata	35,161 8 0	486 0	11,680 0	100 0	13,212 8	....	1,247 8	....	15 0	1 8	61,904 0 0
Mathabhanga	48,186 0 0	1,048 0	12,240 0	216 0	12,960 8	....	1,760 0	....	15 0	1 8	76,43[illegible] 0 0
Mekligunj	21,255 0 0	442 0	7,735 0	476 0	7,429 8	....	669 8	....	5 0	0 8	38,012 8 0
Tufangunj	16 975 8 0	160 0	7,107 8	.....	6,442 8	47 8	528 8	....	125 0	10 4	31,396 12 0
Total ..	1,82,120 0 0	10,608 0	52,366 12	1,332 0	56,026 8	47 8	6,854 8	.....	420 0	125 15	3,09,901 3 0

STATEMENT A.

Statement shewing the sale of Stamps during the year 1926-27. (Continued)

Names of Sub-divisions.	Commission to Vendors.	Net amount.	Cartridge Paper. With commission.	Cartridge Paper. Without Commission.	Cartridge Paper. Commission to vendors.	Cartridge Paper. Net amount.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A.
Sudder	2,021 10 0	1,00,133 5 0	644 1 6	.....	40 4 0	603 13 6
Dinhata	1,348 13 6	60,555 2 8	465 0 0	.....	29 1 0	435 15 0
Mathabhanga	1,578 5 6	74,854 10 6	422 0 0	0 1 0	26 6 0	395 11 0
Mekligunj	759 0 6	37,253 7 6	277 9 9	.....	17 5 6	260 4 3
Tufangunj	686 15 6	30,709 12 6	165 14 6	.....	10 5 9	155 8 9
Total ..	6,394 13 0	3,03,506 6 0	1,974 9 9	0 1 0	123 6 3	1,851 4 6

STATEMENT A.

Statement shewing the sale of Stamps during the year 1926-27. (Concluded)

Names of Sub-division.	Adhesive Stamp. With commission.	Adhesive Stamp. Without Commission.	Adhesive Stamp. Commission to vendors.	Adhesive Stamp. Net amount.	Embossed Stamp.	Service Stamp.	Grand total of gross amount.	Grand total of net amount.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Sudder	3,183 0 0	.....	198 15 0	2,984 1 0	25 0 0	10,365 12 0	1,16,372 12 6	1,14,111 15 6
Dinhata	1,161 0 0	.....	72 9 0	1,088 7 0	....	.....	63,530 0 0	62,079 8 6
Mathabhanga	1,390 0 0	.....	86 4 0	1,298 12 0	....	.....	78,235 1 0	76,544 1 6
Mekligunj	1,561 0 0	.....	98 13 0	1,482 3 0	....	.....	39,871 1 9	38,995 14 9
Tufangunj	561 0 0	.....	35 1 0	525 15 0	....	.....	32,122 10 6	31,391 4 3
Total ..	7,896 0 0	.....	491 10 0	7,374 6 0	25 0 0	10,365 12 0	3,30,132 9 9	3,25,122 12 6

H. L. KHASTGIR,
Revenue Officer of the State,
In the Treasury Department, Cooch Behar.

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FROM

THE VICE-PRESIDENT, REGENCY COUNCIL,

In-charge Settlement Department, Cooch Behar State

TO

HER HIGHNESS THE REGENT AND PRESIDENT,
REGENCY COUNCIL, COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 15th July 1927.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Administration Report of the Settlement Department for the year 1926-27.

2. *Charge*—Major C. T. C. Plowden, I.A., held charge of the Department till the 20th November 1926, and I was in charge for the rest of the year.

3. *Staff.*—Srijut Karali Charan Ganguli of the Bengal Civil Service continued to be the Settlement Officer of the State.

Of the three experienced Kanungos lent by the Government of Bengal Srijuts Prafulla Chandra Moulik and Chanchala Charan Guha Thakurta reverted to Government service on the 1st February 1927.

Munshi Kajemuddin Ahmed, Senior Kanungo of the Revenue Department of the State, and Srijuts Bijay Chandra Banerji and Srish Chandra Ghosh, temporary Kanungos, worked as Assistant Settlement Officers throughout the year.

Srijut Priyanath Roy Choudhuri, Assistant Settlement Officer, spent 30 days in April, May, November and December 1926, in helping the Naib Ahilkars, Mekligunj and Tufangunj, during the adjustment of the boundary of the State with the Jalpaiguri and Goalpara districts.

4. *Important Notifications.*—The orders of the Regency Council dated the 25th February 1927 regarding the revision of rates for town and Bunder lands and the classification of the bunders in the State were published in the State Gazette dated the 21st March 1927.

5. *Disposal of objections and appeals.*—As stated in last year's report the Ekwal-Jamabandis (rent and revenue rolls) were published according to the recommendation of the Director of Land Records and Surveys, Bengal, and objections made to any entries in the Ekwal-Jamabandi, or against omissions therefrom, were received and 5,837 objections were disposed of by the Assistant Settlement Officers in 1925-26. Of the rest, 658 were rejected as the entries prayed for were already in the records. The remaining objections numbering 46,996 were heard during the year under report as shown in statement IV. The claims were allowed in 25,896 cases and disallowed in 21,100 cases. Altogether Rs. 14,706 were deposited by the parties as costs of local enquiries. Of this amount, only Rs. 4,344-8 were refunded and the rest forfeited under paragraph 1 of the Re-settlement Notification dated the 8th July 1925. The local enquiries took considerable time and had to be held mostly during the rains.

Altogether 184 appeals were disposed of. 58 were decreed, 114 dismissed and 12 remanded. As shown in statement IV, 177 of the appeals were instituted during the year. No objection or appeal remained pending at the close of the year.

6. *Office Work.*—The statements I to III show the work done in the different sections at headquarters. The correction of the draft records according to the orders passed on the objections and appeals and the preparation and the copying of Terijes (the final record-of-rights) involved enormous amount of office work. The number of holidays was very much curtailed and the copying of Terijes under the contract system had to proceed even on Sundays and other holidays and also at night from December 1926 to March 1927. Every possible attempt was made to increase the staff. Still the progress was not as satisfactory as was anticipated. The forms of records in use here, the local system of land tenures, soil classification, scale of profits, etc., are quite new even to men having experience of Bengal Settlements. In Bengal, on completion of the settlement work in one district the staff finds employment in another district taken up for settlement. Here however, the staff has no such prospect of continuous employment. Moreover as this place is far off from most districts in Bengal and as the Settlement operations were to be concluded in a few months, it was not possible to secure a sufficient number of qualified Mohurrers. The new recruits were mostly inexperienced and some of them ran away after working for a short time. Owing to promises made by the late Dewan and the representations of the Landholders' Association, the form of the Terij (the final record of rights) contains many more particulars than those shown in the final Khatians (or records) of Bengal settlements. The final records here could not be prepared with the help of the draft Khatians alone as in Bengal but had to be copied from the three sets of records *viz.*, the Khatians, Khasras and Ekwals. Sometimes for one and the same interest, entries from several volumes of Khatians and Khasras had to be copied where the tenancy comprised lands surveyed in two or more sheets for each of which there was a separate volume of Khasra and also of Khatians. The draft records originally prepared in 1913 to 1917 underwent alterations at several stages and had to be copied very carefully. The number of plots dealt with was very large amounting to about 23 lacs. Under the circumstances it was not possible to expedite further the progress in the framing of the final records.

7. *Expenditure.*—The Budget Estimate for the year under report was Rs. 1,13,966 and the Revised Estimate Rs. 1,41,602-5. The actual expenditure amounted to Rs. 1,32,296-15-8. As the estimated number of maps could not be printed in the Bengal Drawing Office during the year, part of the amount provided for in the revised estimate remained unexpended.

8. *Receipts.*—During the year, Rs. 14,034-1-6 were realised in stamps, Rs. 1,752-11-6 as copying fees and Rs. 10,361-8 as deposits for local enquiries forfeited under paragraph 1 of the Resettlement Notification dated the 8th July 1925. The miscellaneous receipts amounted to Rs. 162-4. Thus the total receipts amounted to Rs. 26,310-9-0. Copying was done by the paid staff.

9. *Remarks.*—The Settlement Officer Babu Kanali Charan Ganguli has fully maintained his reputation in carrying through a difficult operation with considerable tact and ability. The subordinate officers also worked satisfactorily.

I have the honour to be,
YOUR HIGHNESS'
Most obedient servant,
W. G. HUTCHINSON,
LT.-COLONEL,
Vice-President, Regency Council,
In-charge Settlement Department, Cooch Behar.

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STATEMENT I.—Drawing Section.

Serial No.	Item of work.	Sheets.
1.	Correction of 16″ original maps	625
2.	4″ Reduction by pentagraph	1,278
3.	Miscellaneous traces prepared	48
4.	Correction of boundaries with British Territory according to Boundary Commissioner's maps.	55
5.	Number of sheets sent to the Bengal Drawing Office for final vandyke reproduction.	1,792
6.	Number of sheets of which final vandyked copies were received from the Bengal Drawing Office.	1,587

STATEMENT II.—Area Section.

		Sheets	Plots.
1.	Revised areas extracted and converted into local units.	680	7,032

STATEMENT III.—Terij Section.

1.	Correction of records according to orders on objections	29,534 objections.
2.	Check of do. do. ...	29,534 „
3.	Correction of records according to orders on appeals ...	58 appeals.
4.	Check of do. do. ...	58 „
5.	Rearrangement and renumbering of Ekwals ...	2,03,531 tenancies.
6.	Terij writing	1,79,012 „
7.	Copying of Terijes	1,73,800 „
8.	Extra copies of Terijes for co-sharers	5,404 terijes.
9.	Comparison of Terijes	47,766 tenancies.
10.	Preparation of plot-indexes	19,26,803 plots.
11.	Correction of records according to Bandobasti Nathis received from the Revenue Department.	35 cases.
12.	Check of do. do. do.	35 „

STATEMENT IV.—Case Work.

Nature of cases.	Number of cases.				
	Pending at the close of the previous year.	Instituted during the year.	Total for disposal during the year.	Disposed of during the year.	Pending at the close of the year.
Objections ...	47,391	263	47,654	47,654*	......
Appeals	7	177	184	184	......

* Six hundred and fifty-eight objections were rejected as the entries prayed for were already in the records.

KARALI CHARAN GANGULI,

Settlement Officer, Cooch Behar.

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FROM

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To

HER HIGHNESS THE PRESIDENT, REGENCY COUNCIL,
COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 16th July, 1927.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Administration of Civil Justice in the State for the year 1926-27 together with the Annual Statements No. 1 to 11.

2. *Charge.*—Srijut Satish Chandra Banerjee, B.L., was in charge of the Office of the Civil and Sessions Judge of the State throughout the year.

The following table shows the names of the officers who held charge of the different Subordinate Judicial posts during the year under review :—

SUB-DIVISIONS.	Names of Officers.	Terms of employment.
Sudder ...	Srijut Nagendra Prosad Ray, B.L., Assistant Civil Judge.	From 1st April to 11th August 1926 and from 3rd October 1926 to 31st March 1927.
Do. ...	" Sarat Chandra Ghoshal, M. A., B. L., Assistant Civil Judge.	From 12th August to 2nd October 1926.
Do. ...	" Nagendra Nath Roy, B. L., Debutter Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April to 26th October 1926.
Do. ...	" Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee B.L. Debutter Naib Ahilkar.	From November to December 1926.
Do. ...	" Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Debutter Naib Ahilkar.	From January to March 1927.
Do. ...	" Sarat Chandra Ghosal, M.A., B.L., Treasury Officer.	From 1st April to 11th August 1926 and from 3rd October to 31st March 1927.
Do. ...	" Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L. Treasury Officer.	From January to March 1927.
Do. ...	" Sarat Chandra Ghoshal, M. A., B. L. Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar.	From November to December 1926.
Do. ...	" Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar.	From January to March 1927.
Do. ...	" Siddheswar Banarjee, M. A., B. L., Naib Ahilkar.	From February to March 1927.
Do. ...	Moulvi Ahmed Hossein Prodhan, B. L., Naib Ahilkar.	From February to March 1927.
Tufanganj ...	Srijut Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B. L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st to 18th April and from 23rd May to 8th June 1926.
Do. ...	" Himadribullabh Biswas, M. A., B. L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 19th April to 22nd May 1926.
Do. ...	" Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 9th June 1926 to 31st March 1927.
Dinhata ...	" Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April 1926 to 6th January 1927.
Do. ...	" Nagendra Nath Roy, B. L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 13th January to 31st March 1927.
Do. ...	" Niranjan Sen Gupta, M. A., B. L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 7th to 12th January 1927.
Do. ...	" Manabendra Nath Bhattacherji, B.L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	From 12th June to 8th October 1927.
Do. ...	" Niranjan Sen Gupta, M. A., B. L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	From 20th November 1926 to 31st March 1927.

Sub-divisions.	Names of Officers.	Terms of employment.
Mathabhanga	Srijut Uma Nath Dutt, B. L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April 1926 to 6th January 1927.
Do. ...	" Dwijendra Chandra Sen, B. L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 7th to 12th January 1927.
Do. ...	" Sarat Chandra Ghashal, M. A., B. L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 13th January to 31st March 1927.
Do. ...	" Himadri ullabh Biswas, M.A. B.L., Additional Na b Ahilkar.	From 1st to 18th April and from 23rd May to 30th November 1926.
Do. ...	" Dwijendra Chandra Sen, B. L., Additional Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st December 1926 to 31st March 1927.
Mekligunj ...	Moulvi Bazley Rahaman Sarkar, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 1st April to 22nd October 1926.
Do. ...	Srijut Nagendra Nath Roy, B. L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 27th October 1926 to 11th January 1927.
Do. ...	" Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B. L., Naib Ahilkar.	From 12th January to 31st March 1927.

3. *Institution of Original Suits.*—The number of original suits instituted during the last four years is shown below :—

Years.	Civil suits.	Rent suits.	Small Cause Court suits.	Total.
1923-24	1,565	7,098	1,717	10,380
1924-25	1,646	7,584	1,597	10,827
1925-26	1,659	7,520	1,478	10,657
1926-27	1,730	7,301	1,482	10,513

The decrease of 144 suits in the year under report as compared with the previous year falls mainly under Rent Suits.

4. *Details of increase and decrease in the institutions.*—The table given below shows the increase and decrease in the institution of suits in each of the several Courts in the State:—

Courts.	Civil suits.		Rent suits.		Small Cause Court Suits.	
	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.
Civil Judge	.....	3	.....	2	.....	.....
Assistant Civil Judge	48	.....	143	.....	34	.....
Treasury Officer	.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....
Debutter Naib Ahilkar	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj ...	.....	14	.....	50	.....	21
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	.....	1	.....	109	.....	10
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	3	.....	.....	11	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	18	.....	.....	71	10	.....
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	3	.....	.....	12	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	20	.....	.....	103	.....	9
Total ...	92	21	143	362	44	40

5. *Classification of suits.*—As will be seen from the Statement No. 2 that out of a total of 10513 suits 2563 were suits on bonds and other obligations for damages &c., 7301 were Rent Suits, 643 concerned land and other immovable property and 6 related to matrimonial rights.

6. *Execution Cases.*—The number of applications for the execution of decrees filed during the last four years is shown in the statement given below:—

Years.	Civil.	Rent.	Small Cause Court.	Total.
1923-1924	1,250	4,999	836	7,085
1924-1925	1,254	5,369	801	7,418
1925-1926	1,213	5,035	860	7,108
1926-1927	1,269	4,481	788	6,538

The number of applications filed during the year under report shows a decrease of 570 as compared with the previous year.

7. *Miscellaneous cases.*—The number of Miscellaneous cases instituted during the last two years is shown below:—

	Judicial.		Non-Judicial.	
	1925-26.	1926-27.	1925-26.	1926-27.
Civil	350	434	4	3
Rent	785	772	75	53
Small Cause Court	73	91	...	...
Total ...	1,208	1,297	79	56

8. *Certificate Cases.*—The number of applications for Certificates of Guardianship under Act VII of 1921 was 25 against 18 of the previous year showing an increase of 7 only and the number of applications for Succession Certificates under Act V of 1898 was 49 against 45 of the previous year showing an increase of 4 only.

9. *Probate cases.*—The number of applications filed under the Probate and Administration Act was 13 against 11 of the previous year showing an increase of 2 only.

10. *Institution of suits in Subordinate Courts.*—The following table shows the number of institutions of original suits in each of the Subordinate Courts:—

(1.) Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga 2,738
(2.) Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata 2,725
(3.) Assistant Civil Judge 2,454
(4.) Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj 1,396
(5.) Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj 1,065

11. *Disposal of suits.*—The disposal of original suits in the State during the last four years is shown in the statement given below:—

YEARS.	Civil.	Rent.	Small Cause Court.	Total.
1923-1924	1,502	6,917	1,742	10,161
1924-1925	1,655	7,934	1,621	11,210
1925-1926	1,583	7,325	1,485	10,343
1926-1927	1,807	7,303	1,484	10,597

The total number of original suits disposed of shows an increase of 254 as compared with the previous year.

12. *Disposals in Subordinate Courts.*—According to the number of disposals the Subordinate Courts are arranged in the following order :—

(1.)	Assistant Civil Judge	2,582
(2.)	Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	1,521
(3.)	Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	1,406
(4.)	Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	1,398
(5.)	Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	1,316
(6.)	Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj	1,175
(7.)	Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	1,017
(8.)	Treasury Officer	93
(9.)	Ahmed Hosein Pradhan, Naib Ahilkar	15
(10.)	Debutter Naib Ahilkar	12
(11.)	Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar	8
(12.)	Siddheswar Banerjee, Naib Ahilkar	3

13. *Contested Suits.*—The following table compares the disposal of contested original suits in the State during the last four years :—

YEARS.	Civil.	Rent.	Small Cause Court.	Total.
1923-1924	139	317	139	595
1924-1925	181	301	111	593
1925-1926	183	271	88	542
1926-1927	276	235	98	609

The total number of contested suits decided was 609 being a little less than one-seventeenth of the entire number of suits disposed of.

The disposals of contested suits by each Subordinate Court are shown below :—

(1.)	Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj	120
(2.)	Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	109
(3.)	Assistant Civil Judge	104
(4.)	Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	81
(5.)	Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	67
(6.)	Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	53
(7.)	Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	47
(8.)	Treasury Officer	8
(9.)	Debutter Naib Ahilkar	3
(10.)	Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar	2

14. *Average duration of suits.*—The table given below shows the average duration of suits in Subordinate Courts :—

Names of Courts.	Civil Suits.		Rent Suits.		Small Cause Court Suits.	
	Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.	Contested.	Uncontested.
	M. D.	M. D.	M. D.	M. D.	M. D.	M. D.
Assistant Civil Judge	4 27	1 25	3 4	1 21	0 30	0 20
Treasury Officer	6 23	2 28	2 27	1 7	.....	.....
Debutter Naib Ahilkar	6 0	1 20	.....	1 11	.....	.....
Maloutchery Naib Ahilkar	2 20	1 7	1 18	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar (S. Banerjee) ...	.....	.....	.....	1 1	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar (A. H. Prodhan) ...	.....	.....	.....	0 29	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj	6 4	2 2	3 28	1 14	1 22	1 8
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	5 5	2 17	5 0	2 6	1 2	1 2
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	6 20	2 10	4 14	1 23	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	8 6	8 1	5 16	1 23	2 17	1 17
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga...	8 7	8 2	5 18	1 25	.....	.....
Niab Ahilkar, Mekligunj	4 3	1 13	3 23	1 21	1 13	0 21

The duration was longest in the Court of the Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga and shortest in that of the Assistant Civil Judge.

15. *Value of suits.*—Out of the total number of Original Suits disposed of 123 were for claims not exceeding Rs. 5 in value, 1,449 or about one-seventh were for claims exceeding Rs. 5 but not exceeding Rs. 20; 3,196 or a little less than one-third were for claims exceeding Rs. 20 but not exceeding Rs. 50; 2,757 or a little above one-fourth were for claims exceeding Rs 50 but not exceeding Rs. 100; 2,862 or a little above one-fourth were for claims exceeding Rs. 100 but not exceeding Rs. 500; 159 suits were for claims exceeding Rs. 500 but not exceeding Rs. 1,000; 48 suits were for claims exceeding Rs. 1,000 but not exceeding Rs. 5,000; 3 suits were for claims exceeding Rs. 5,000 but not exceeding Rs. 10,000.

16. *Pending suits.*—The number of suits pending at the close of the year was 1,703 against 1,787 of the previous year showing a decrease of 84. Of the number pending, 33 were more than six months and 3 more than a year old against 73 and 14 respectively of the previous year.

17. *Summary procedure.*—The Assistant Civil Judge and the Naib Ahilkars of Dinhata, Mathabhanga and Mekligunj tried Small Cause Court Suits valued at Rs. 100 and less and the Naib Ahilkar of Tufangunj up to Rs. 20 in value in accordance with the procedure laid down in the Small Cause Courts Act.

18. *Disposal of Execution cases.*—The statement given below shows the disposal of execution cases during the last four years :—

Years.	Civil.	Rent.	Small Cause Court.	Total.
1923-1924	1,364	4,710	858	6,832
1924-1925	1,241	5,322	789	7,352
1925-1926	1,209	5,274	850	7,333
1926-1927	1,272	4,539	773	6,584

The total number of execution cases disposed of shows a decrease of 749 as compared with the previous year.

19. *Disposal of Miscellaneous cases.*—The table given below shows the disposal of Miscellaneous cases during the last two years :—

	Judicial.		Non-Judicial.	
	1925-26	1926-27.	1925-26	1926-27.
Civil	332	415	4	3
Rent	742	826	67	55
Small Cause Court	68	95	.....	.....
Total ...	1,142	1,336	71	58

20. *Local Enquiry.*—Sixty-eight cases required local enquiry during the year against 79 of the previous year. 66 cases were enquired into against 79 of the previous year. 1 case was returned without enquiry for want of necessary papers. 1 case remained pending at the close of the year. The amount of Ameen's fee realised was Rs. 870 against Rs. 820 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 50 and Rs. 54-8 was realised on account of fees for service of notices issued by the Civil Court Amin against Rs. 53-8 of the previous year showing an increase of Re. 1.

21. *Work of the Civil Judge's Court.*—The table given below shows the work of the Civil Judge's Court during the last three years :—

YEARS.	Original Suits.				Execution cases.				Miscellaneous cases.			
	Pending from the last year.	Instituted or received by transfer.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Pending from the last year.	Instituted or received by transfer.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Pending from the last year.	Instituted or received by transfer.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1924-1925	15	57	49	23	29	60	56	33	22	91	92	21
1925-1926	23	50	57	16	33	71	67	37	21	93	102	12
1926-1927	16	45	51	10	37	62	76	23	12	98	89	21

22. *Appeals.*—The following table shows the total of Regular and Miscellaneous appeals preferred in the Civil Judge's Court during the last three years :—

1924-25	85
1925-26	87
1926-27	103

(*a*) The results of appeals for the last three years is shown in the table given below :—

YEARS.	Number of appeals for disposal.	Confirmed.	Reversed.	Modified.	Disposed of otherwise.	Pending.
1924-1925	98	24	32	13	9	20
1925-1926	113	42	30	9	21	21
1926-1927	124	31	19	6	33	33

(b) The following table shows the result of appeals against the decrees of each of the Subordinate Judicial Officers :—

Names of Judicial Officers.	Details of Disposal.							REMARKS.
	Confirmed.	Reversed.	Modified.	Remanded.	Dismissed on default.	Compromised.	Total disposed of.	
Srijut Nagendra Prosad Ray, B.L. ...	5	2	...	5	1	...	13	
" Uma Nath Dutt, B.L.	5	3	2	3	1	...	14	
" Himadribullabh Biswas M.A., B.L....	7	6	1	3	...	...	17	
" Sarat Chandra Ghoshal, M.A., B.L....	4	1	1	1	...	...	7	
" Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L. ...	4	3	...	9	...	...	16	
" Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B.L.	1	...	1	...	...	...	2	
" Nagendra Nath Ray, B.L.	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	
" Niranjan Sen Gupta, M.A., B.L. ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	
" Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L. ...	1	3	1	1	4	...	10	
Moulavi Basley Rahaman Sarkar, B.L. ...	2	...	...	7	...		9	
Total ...	31	19	6	29	6	...	91	

22. *Finance.*—The receipts and disbursements are shown under the several heads :—

Receipts.

I. *Stamp duty.*—The table given below shows the receipts under the head for the last four years :—

	Rs.
1923-1924	1,52,598
1924-1925	1,66,963
1925-1926	1,59,954
1926-1927	1,55,858

The decrease of Rs. 4,096 is due to decrease in the number of institutions.

II. *Process fees.*—The amount of process fees etc., realised during the year was Rs. 36,571 against Rs. 38,258 of the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 1,687.

III. *Fines and Forfeitures.*—The amount realised during the year was Rs. 926 against Rs. 830 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 96.

IV. *Ameen's fees.*—The table given below shows the receipts under this head for the last four years :—

	Rs.
1923-1924	917
1924-1925	1,015
1925-1926	805
1926-1927	870

V. *Other receipts including Copying fees.*—These amounted to Rs. 5,946 against Rs. 6,374 of the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 428.

The total receipts under the above heads amounted to Rs. 2,00,171 against Rs. 2,06,221 of the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 6,050.

Disbursements.

I. *Salary.*—The salary of Judicial Officers amounted to Rs. 17,577 against Rs. 17,149 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 428.

II. *Establishment charges.*—The establishment charges amounted to Rs. 20,916 against Rs. 20,680 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 236.

III. *Process-service.*—The expenditure under this head was Rs. 13,826 against Rs. 14,103 of the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 277.

IV. *Contingencies.*—Contingencies amounted to Rs. 7,457 against Rs. 8,948 of the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 1,491.

V. *Ameen's Establishment.*—The cost under this head amounted to Rs. 1,432 against Rs. 1,370 of the previous year showing an increase of Rs. 62.

VI. *Unforeseen.*—A sum of Rs. 352 was spent under this head during the year under report.

The total expenditure was Rs. 61,560 against Rs. 62,714 of the previous year.

The net receipts of the Civil Department amounted therefore to Rs. 1,38,611 against Rs. 1,43,507 of the previous year showing a decrease of Rs. 4,896.

24. *Copying Department.*—The total amount of copying fees realised during the year was Rs. 5,517 against Rs. 5,587 of the previous year showing a decrease of of Rs. 70. Out of the total receipts, Rs. 2,669 was credited to the State and the balance, Rs. 2,848, was distributed among the Copyists.

The following table shows the number of Copyists employed in each Court with the average monthly income of each Copyist:—

Names of Courts.	No. of Copyists.	No. of Comparing Clerks.	Average monthly income of each Copyist.	Remarks.
			Rs. A. P.	
Sudder	8	1	61 2 10½	
Tufangunj	1	.....	17 11 6	
Dinhata	2	1	22 10 5	
Mathabhanga	2	1	28 14 11	
Mekligunj	1	.....	22 14 4	
... ...	...	...	...	

25. *Records.*—During the year under report records of 33,992 cases were received in the Sudder Record-room as shown below:—

Courts.	Civil.	Rent.	Total.	Remarks.
Assistant Civil Judge ...	2,002	10,519	12,521	From April 1922 to March 1925, but those of the Rent Execution cases from April 1919.
Treasury Officer	29	857	886	
Debutter Naib Ahilkar ...	.....	300	300	From February 1924 to March 1925.
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	345	1,460	1,805	From April 1924 to March 1925.
Addl. Naib Ahilkar do. ...	385	2,479	2,864	
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	321	1,788	2,109	
Addl. Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	209	2,084	2,293	
Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj ...	2,030	3,409	5,439	From April 1922 to March 1925.
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj ...	947	5,328	6,275	

25. *Character.*—All the Subordinate Judicial Officers as well as the Subordinate staff worked satisfactorily.

I have the honor to be,
YOUR HIGHNESS'
Most obedient servant,
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CIVIL STATEMENT No. I.

(A.)

List of Judicial and Revenue Divisions of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1926-1927.

Name of Division.	Names of Police Stations in each.	Area in square miles	Population.
Sudder Sub-division	Kotwali Station ...	284	1,32,334
Tufangunj ditto	Fulbari ditto ...	223	82,943
Dinhata ditto	Dinhata ditto ...	269	1,48,183
Mathabhanga ditto	Mathabhanga Station Sitalkhuchi, I. O. P. }	334	1,41,342
Mekligunj ditto	Mekligunj Station...	197	87,634

(B)

Return showing the number of Civil and Rent Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1926-1927.

Civil.		Rent.		Total.
Appellate.	Original.	Appellate.	Original.	
1	13	1	13	28

(C.)

Return showing receipts and charges of Civil Courts in the Cooch Behar State for the year 1926-1927.

Courts.	Receipts.						Charges.						
	Stamps (1)	Process fees. (2)	Fines and forfeitures.	Ameen's fees.	Other receipts. (3)	Total.	Salary of Judicial officers.	Establishment.	Process serving	Contingent. (4)	Ameen's Establishment.	Unforeseen.	Total.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs A. P.	Rs A P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Civil Judge's Court ...	14,121 4 6	1,997 0 0	95 5 2	90 0 0	2,408 9 5	18,712 3 1	7,200 0 0	6,289 12 9	8,609 2 2	5,033 5 5	1,431 15 0	351 10 2	28,915 13 6
Sudder Subordinate Courts	33,235 10 3	8,227 8 0	192 11 0	360 0 0	.....	42,015 13 3	4,475 0 0	4,043 13 11	.....	124 4 10	.....	.....	8,643 2 9
Toofanganj Courts ...	14,295 2 6	3,319 0 0	0 4 0	135 0 0	271 1 3	18,020 7 9	863 3 11	2,026 12 9	1,101 15 4	352 10 1	.....	.....	4,344 10 1
Dinhata " ...	31,687 8 6	8,540 4 0	448 0 0	150 0 0	1,182 14 4	41,928 10 10	1,598 7 0	3,240 5 8	1,387 9 4	651 8 9	.....	.....	6,877 14 9
Mathabhanga " ...	41,134 2 3	9,633 8 0	160 4 0	135 0 0	1,590 4 6	52,653 2 9	2,466 10 8	3,333 12 7	1,615 11 8	843 4 0	.....	.....	8,259 6 11
Mekliganj " ...	21,884 10 3	4,853 4 0	29 14 0	.....	572 13 0	26,840 9 3	973 6 2	1,981 4 1	1,111 11 1	452 5 10	.....	.....	4,518 11 2
Total ...	1,56,358 6 3	36,570 8 0	926 6 2	870 0 0	5,945 10 6	2,00,170 14 1	17,576 11 9	20,915 18 9	13,826 1 7	7,457 6 11	1,431 15 0	351 10 2	61,559 11 2

(1) This includes searching fees and fees for information.
(2) This includes sale-fees.
(3) This includes witness' diet-money, copying fees, pay of officers cited as witnesses, &c., &c.
(4) This includes remuneration to copyists travelling and Tieca Mohurers' pay &c., &c.

		Rs. A. P.
Receipts	...	2,00,170 14 1
Charges	...	61,559 11 2
Balance	...	1,38,611 2 11

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CIVIL STATEMENT No. 2.

Statement showing the number and description of suits instituted in the Civil Courts of the Cooch Behar State during the year 1926-27.

COURTS.	Suits of the Small Cause Court class.																		Other Civil Suits.									Rent Suits.								
	On written obligation.		On unwritten.		On account stated.		Money had and received and contribution.		Goods sold.		Breach of contract not mentioned above.		Rent not falling under the Rent law.		Moveable property or value thereof.		Damages.		Suits for immoveable property.	Suits for specific performance of contract.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property including pre-emption, foreclosure, &c.	Suits to declare and establish personal rights.	Suits for an account.	Suits to set aside judgments, contracts or obligations on the ground of fraud.	Suits for enforcement or dissolution of matrimonial rights.	Suits for partition.	Suits relating to religion, caste and religious endowments.	For delivery of patnahs and kobuliyats.	For damages for illegal ejectment of rent, and withholding of receipts.	For enhancement and abatement of rents.	For arrears of rent.	To eject a ryot or to cancel a lease.	For recovery of possession.	In exercise of power of distraint.	Against agents for money and paper.	Total.
	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.	Rs. 1,000 and under.	Above Rs. 1,000.																		
Civil Judge ...	...	5	...	1	...	13	...	..	...	..	...	..	...	..	...	..	...	..	11	..	7	..	..	.....	..	..	..	...	..	..	5	...	...	...	..	45
Assistant Civil Judge ...	112	..	7	..	27	..	16	..	12	...	...	..	2	..	...	..	12	...	109	..	70	..	1	.....	2	1	..	...	2	..	1,860	...	...	...	..	2,274
Treasury Officer ...	...	...	...	...	1	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	..	..	...	..	...	...	..	..	..	.....	..	..	..	...	..	..	..	...	...	...	..	1
Naib Ahilkar, Toofanganj ...	226	..	17	..	27	..	9	...	13	...	2	...	1	..	2	...	8	..	31	...	56	..	..	.....	2	..	..	...	..	..	640	..	...	...	..	1,086
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	110	..	1	..	18	..	38	..	6	..	11	...	..	...	1	..	2	..	98	1	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	...	..	..	1,892	...	...	...	..	2,181
Additional Naib Ahilkar Dinhata	1	..	1	..	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	..	...	1	..	5	..	..	..	..	.....	..	..	..	...	..	..	13	...	...	...	..	26
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ..	170	..	10	..	9	..	26	..	5	..	..	..	..	..	17	..	6	..	189	..	..	..	..	.....	1	..	..	...	..	1	1,038	...	...	...	..	2,252
Additional Naib Ahilkar do. ...	5	..	2	..	1	...	1	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	1	..	11	..	..	..	..	.....	..	..	..	...	..	..	40	...	...	...	..	63
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj ...	57	..	2	..	12	..	22	..	...	...	2	...	11	..	9	..	2	..	47	2	3	15	...	.....	1	..	..	...	...	..	1,009	..	..	..	..	1,194
Total ...	682	5	40	1	98	13	114	...	36	..	15	..	11	...	31	..	32	..	484	3	136	15	1	3	6	1	..	..	2	1	7,298	..	...	..	...	9 631
mall Cause Court Suits up to Rs. 100.																																				
Assistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	342	...	14	..	60	..	6	..	43	...	5	...	9	..	9	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	..	.....	...	...	...	..	..	...	..	..	..	..	...	491
Naib-Ahilkar, Toofanganj ..	15	...	5	...	7	...	..	..	4	...	..	...	..	..	..	..	1	..	...	...	...	...	..	.....	...	...	...	..	..	...	..	..	..	..	...	30
Ditto, Dinhata ...	124	...	2	...	24	...	43	...	72	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	3	..	...	...	...	...	..	.....	...	...	...	..	..	...	..	..	..	..	...	273
Ditto, Mathabhanga ..	351	..	43	..	12	..	15	..	21	...	2	..	4	...	16	..	20	..	...	...	...	...	..	.....	...	...	...	..	..	...	..	..	..	..	...	486
Ditto, Mekligunj ..	130	..	16	..	32	..	..	..	5	..	2	..	3	..	12	..	2	..	...	...	...	...	..	.....	...	...	...	..	..	...	..	..	..	..	...	202
Total ..	960	..	87	..	135	...	64	...	145	..	9	..	16	..	37	..	29	...	..	..	..	...	...	.....	...	..	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	1,482
Grand Total ...	1,642	5	127	1	233	13	178	...	181	..	24	...	31	..	68	..	61	..	484	3	136	15	1	3	6	1	..	...	2	1	7,298	..	..	..	..	10,513

H. L. KHASIGIR,
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Civil Department, Cooch Behar.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 3.

Statement showing the result of the trial of original suits in the Civil Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1926-1927.

CIVIL COURTS.	Pending from the last year.	Instituted during the year.	Received by transfer.	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other courts.	Plaint rejected or returned after registration thereof.	Dismissed for default.	Withdrawn.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed ex parte.	Dismissed ex parte.	Referred to arbitration	CONTESTED. Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	CONTESTED. Judgment for defendant.	Total disposed of.	Pending.	Over six months.	Over twelve months.	AVERAGE DURATION OF SUITS. Contested.	AVERAGE DURATION OF SUITS. Uncontested.
																				y. m. d.	m. d.
CIVIL.																					
Civil Judge	16	40	...	56	...	...	4	...	4	...	21	...	...	16	3	48	8	...	...	0 3 17	2 5
Assistant Civil Judge	78	372	6	456	37	...	81	...	45	81	108	...	...	30	1	346	73	8	1	0 4 27	1 25
Treasury Officer	7	1	16	24	4	...	...	...	...	...	18	...	...	2	...	20	...	...	...	0 6 23	2 23
Debutte Naib Ahilkar	4	...	5	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	3	...	9	...	...	...	0 6 0	1 20
Naib Ahilkar, Malcutchary	...	...	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	...	1	...	6	...	...	...	0 2 20	1 7
Do. (S. Banerjee, Esq.)	...	...	9	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	...	...	...
Do. (A. H. Prodhan, Esq.)	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj	98	395	...	493	2	...	72	1	47	33	198	...	...	47	14	412	49	1	...	0 6 4	2 2
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	69	288	39	387	174	...	20	...	15	30	66	3	...	20	15	169	44	7	1	0 5 5	2 17
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	45	13	174	232	39	...	15	...	1	11	75	4	...	25	11	142	51	5	...	0 6 20	2 10
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	50	413	...	463	237	...	37	...	12	26	73	...	...	11	2	161	65	...	...	0 8 6	8 1
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	61	23	237	321	...	...	63	2	37	30	114	...	...	21	8	275	46	3	1	0 8 7	3 2
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	35	185	...	220	...	...	...	2	24	24	93	30	...	8	8	189	31	1	...	0 4 3	1 18
TOTAL ...	454	1,730	493	2,677	493	...	292	5	185	235	777	37	...	184	92	1,807	377	25	3	.....	...
RENT.																					
Civil Judge	...	5	...	5	...	...	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	3	2	...	...	...	3 23
Assistant Civil Judge ...	226	1,862	15	2,103	202	...	344	...	154	583	621	...	...	48	...	1,747	154	...	...	0 3 4	1 21
Treasury Officer	...	...	75	75	2	...	18	...	6	24	24	...	...	1	...	73	...	...	...	0 2 27	1 7
Debutter Naib Ahilkar	3	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	1 11
Naib Ahilkar, (S. Banerjee, Esq.) ...	...	...	57	57	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	3	54	...	...	...	1 1
Malcutchary Naib Ahilkar ...	...	...	20	20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	18	...	...	0 1 18	...
Naib Ahilkar, (A. H. Prodhan, Esq.) ...	...	...	50	50	...	...	2	...	2	2	9	...	...	...	...	15	35	...	...	...	0 29
Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj	137	640	...	777	13	...	135	...	85	134	320	...	...	26	1	701	63	...	...	0 3 28	1 14
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	212	1,893	217	2,322	1,112	...	208	1	...	164	549	...	...	41	6	980	241	...	...	0 5 0	2 6
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	219	13	1,112	1,344	217	...	151	2	...	123	554	...	...	43	2	875	252	2	...	0 4 14	1 23
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	99	1,839	...	1,938	1,114	...	34	...	40	284	276	...	...	12	4	650	174	2	...	0 5 16	1 23
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	203	40	1,114	1,357	...	...	180	3	65	267	707	...	...	20	4	1,246	111	4	...	0 5 18	1 25
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	88	1,009	...	1,097	...	...	154	7	171	149	512	1	...	23	2	1,019	78	...	...	0 3 23	1 21
TOTAL ...	1,187	7,301	2,660	11,148	2,660	...	1,225	13	525	1,734	3,573	1	...	216	19	7,306	1,182	8	...	.....	...
SMALL CAUSE COURT SUITS UP TO Rs. 100.																					
Assistant Civil Judge	20	491	...	511	...	...	123	3	4	137	107	...	...	21	4	489	22	...	...	0 0 30	0 20
Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj	3	30	...	33	...	...	17	...	...	2	11	...	...	..	2	32	1	...	...	0 1 22	1 8
Ditto, Dinhata	32	273	...	305	...	...	46	1	12	40	133	1	...	16	11	260	45	...	...	0 1 3	1 2
Ditto, Mathabhanga	78	486	...	564	...	...	135	2	29	130	171	...	...	22	16	505	59	...	...	0 2 17	1 17
Ditto, Mekligunj	13	202	...	215	...	...	...	1	6	45	91	49	...	4	2	198	17	...	...	0 1 13	0 21
TOTAL ...	146	1,482	...	1,628	...	...	321	7	51	354	603	50	...	63	35	1,484	144	...	...	.....	...
GRAND TOTAL ...	1,787	10,513	3,153	15,453	3,153	...	1,838	25	761	2,323	4,953	88	...	463	146	10,597	1,703	33	3	.....	...

H. L. KHASTGIR,
Judicial Member, Revenue.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 4.

Statement showing the value of suits disposed of in the Civil Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year **1926-1927.**

Value of suits.	Civil suits.								Rent suits.								Small Cause Court suits up to Rs. 100.						Grand Total.
	Civil Judge.	Assistant Civil Judge.	Naib Ahilkars, Sudder.	Toofangunj.	Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekligunj.	Total.	Civil Judge.	Assistant Civil Judge.	Naib Ahilkars, Sudder.	Toofangunj.	Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekligunj.	Total.	Assistant Civil Judge.	Toofangunj.	Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekligunj.	Total.	
Not exceeding Rs. 5 ...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	...	.....	...	24	1	17	51	6	13	112	2	1	1	...	7	11	123
Ditto " 20 ...	...	23	4	14	7	16	...	64	...	216	19	93	405	218	176	1,122	101	31	33	70	28	263	1,449
Ditto " 50 ...	...	26	5	118	22	30	10	241	...	592	27	261	596	499	307	2,282	239	...	115	234	85	673	3,196
Ditto " 100 ...	...	27	9	132	24	40	19	251	...	507	29	207	425	540	261	1,969	147	...	111	201	78	537	2,757
Ditto " 500 ...	...	216	17	145	245	336	155	1,114	...	385	20	118	366	612	247	1,748	...	...	...	...	...	.....	2,862
Ditto " 1,000 ...	...	54	...	3	13	14	5	89	...	23	...	5	1	26	15	70	...	...	...	...	...	.....	159
Ditto " 5,000 ...	45	.....	...	...	.....	.....	...	45	3	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	3	...	...	...	...	...	.....	48
Ditto " 10,000 ...	3	.....	...	...	.....	.....	...	3	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	3
Ditto " 1,00,000 ...	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Exceeding " 1,00,000 ...	...	.....	...	...	.....	.....	...	.....	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....
Total ...	48	346	35	442	311	436	189	1,807	3	1,747	96	701	1,844	1,896	1,019	7,306	489	32	260	505	198	1,484	10,597

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Civil Dept., Cooch Behar.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 5.

Statement showing the execution of decrees of Civil Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1926-27.

CIVIL COURTS.	Application to execute decrees.				Applications disposed of.			Pending.					Nature and number of cases in which coercive process issued.							Application for insolvency.	
													Against the person.		Moveable property.		Immoveable property		Orders under Order XXI, Rule 30, Code of Civil Procedure.		
	Pending at the beginning of year.	Filed.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Decree wholly or partially satisfied.	Struck off.	Total.	Transferred.	More than six months.	More than twelve months.	Total pending.	Possession.	Arrest.	Imprisonment.	Attached.	Sold.	Attached.	Sold.		Allowed.	Disallowed.
Civil.																					
Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	31	56	.....	87	44	22	66	...	2	.....	21	1	2	1	.....		6	5	.....	1	.....
Assistant Civil Judge, ditto	90	303	.....	393	121	185	306	...	9	.....	87	16	10	.....	37	140	75	7	.....	.....	.....
Treasury Officer	2	9	.....	11	1	8	9	...	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....
Debutter Naib Ahilkar, ...	1	11	.....	12	.....	10	10	...	.....	.....	2	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj	50	228	.....	278	84	156	240	...	5	.....	38	13	40	1	141	10	34	48	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar Dinhata	45	162	20	227	45	131	176	...	7	.....	51	9	12	1	111	.....	32	18	.....	.....	.....
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	28	90	.....	118	16	45	61	20	3	3	37	5	5	.....	4[illegible]	1	20	15	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	37	147	.....	184	53	85	138	...	8	.....	46	16	27	2	39	4	108	21	.....	.....	.....
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	34	143	.....	177	52	92	144	...	1	.....	33	13	23	1	29	1	101	18	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	26	120	.....	146	39	83	122	...	4	.....	24	17	3	.....	34	1	28	41	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	344	1,269	20	1,633	455	817	1,272	20	39	3	341	90	123	6	423	158	408	166	.....	1	.....
Rent.																					
Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	6	6	.....	12	8	2	10	...	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	1	.....	.....	.....
Assistant Civil Judge, ditto	282	1,024	1	1,307	371	696	1,067	...	35	.....	240	108	30	.....	598	22	414	412	.....	.....	.....
Treasury Officer	4	34	.....	38	13	14	27	...	.....	.....	11	3	1	.....	13	.....	8	8	.....	.....	.....
Debutter Naib Ahilkar	21	29	.....	50	21	27	48	...	.....	.....	2	5	2	.....	30	.....	13	12	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj	74	323	.....	394	188	136	324	1	4	.....	69	43	17	.....	182	19	191	168	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	248	705	132	1,08	298	501	799	3	72	5	278	52	36	.....	598	4	431	174	.....	.....	.....
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	270	538	3	811	176	233	409	132	55	6	270	40	39	1	2[illegible]0	.....	144	135	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	132	483	.....	615	249	229	478	...	12	.....	137	4	28	.....	452	2	252	121	.....	.....	.....
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	214	726	.....	940	395	381	776	..	9	1	164	7	41	.....	631	4	324	180	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	77	613	.....	690	350	251	601	...	12	.....	89	89	1	.....	268	2	289	138	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	1,320	4,481	136	5,937	2,069	2,470	4,539	136	199	12	1,262	351	195	1	2,972	53	2,071	1,319	.....	.....	.....
Small Cause Courts up to Rs. 100.																					
Assistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar ...	23	256	.....	279	23	238	261	...	.....	.....	18	.....	27	1	152	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahilkar, Tufangunj	3	9	.....	12	1	9	10		.....	.....	2	.....	1	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ditto, Dinhata	39	210	.....	249	23	172	195	...	.....	.....	54	.....	26	.....	189	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ditto, Mathabhanga	40	205	.....	245	19	182	201	...	.....	.....	44	.....	35	.....	60	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ditto, Mekligunj	9	108	.....	117	13	93	106	...	.....	.....	11	.....	11	3	61	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	114	788	.....	902	79	694	773	...	.....	.....	129	.....	100	4	571	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand total ...	1,778	6,538	156	8,472	2,603	3,981	6,584	156	238	15	1 732	441	418	11	3,966	221	2,479	1,515	.....	1	.....

H. L. KHASTGIR,
Judicial Member Regency Council,
Cooch Behar.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 6.

Statement showing the institution and disposal of Miscellaneous cases of a Judicial nature in the Civil Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1926-1927.

COURTS.	Pending from last year.	Instituted.	Received by transfer or otherwise.	TOTAL.	DISPOSED OF. Contested.	Uncontested.	TOTAL.	Transferred.	PENDING. More than six months.	More than 12 months.	Total pending.	AVERAGE DURATION OF CASES. Contested.	Uncontested.	REMARKS.
												M. D.	M. D.	
Civil														
Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	10	98	.....	108	15	72	87	.....	2	.....	21	.....	.....	
Assistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar ...	13	95	.....	108	4	82	86	.....	.....	.....	22	3 6	1 5	
Debutter Naib Ahilkar	1	2	.....	3	1	2	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 14	2 23	
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj	13	38	.....	51	19	16	35	.....	.....	.....	16	5 12	2 10	
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	14	32	1	47	10	27	37	.....	2	.....	10	3 21	2 6	
Additional Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata ...	5	21	.....	26	5	13	18	1	.....	.....	7	7 0	3 0	
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	10	62	.....	72	13	42	55	.....	.....	.....	17	5 9	2 22	
Additional Naib Ahilkar, do. ...	15	47	.....	62	10	44	54	.....	.....	.....	8	4 21	3 28	
Naib Ahilkar, Mekliguuj	9	39	.....	48	2	38	40	.....	1	.....	8	5 14	1 20	
Total ...	90	434		525	79	336	415	1	5	.....	109	.....	.....	
Rent.														
Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	2	.....	.....	2	1	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Assistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar ...	29	236	.....	265	5	207	212	.....	.....	.....	53	3 18	1 2	
Treasury Officer	.....	2	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	
Debutter Naib Ahilkar	2	6	.....	8	1	7	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 2	1 14	
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj	15	44	.....	59	11	41	52	.....	.....	.....	7	3 16	1 6	
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	59	107	22	188	19	141	160	4	.....	.....	24	6 14	2 26	
Addl. Naib Ahilkar, do.	29	64	4	97	9	41	50	22	1	.....	25	5 0	3 7	
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	34	122	.....	156	5	120	125	.....	.....	.....	31	3 2	1 19	
Addl. Naib Ahilkar do.	38	113	.....	151	9	123	132	.....	.....	.....	19	4 3	1 22	
Naib Ahilkar, Mekliguuj	24	78	.....	102	4	81	85	.....	.....	.....	17	3 0	1 25	
Total ...	232	772	26	1,030	64	762	826	26	1	.....	178	.....	.....	
Small Cause Courts up to Rs. 100.														
Assistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar ...	3	25	.....	28	2	23	25	.....	.....	.....	3	1 8	0 25	
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj ...	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	
Ditto. Dinhata ...	6	21	.....	27	.....	26	26	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1 17	
Ditto. Mathabhanga ...	3	30	.....	33	.....	28	28	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	1 0	
Ditto. Mekliguuj ...	3	14	.....	17	1	15	16	.....	.....	.....	1	1 15	1 8	
TOTAL ...	15	91	.....	106	3	92	95	.....	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	
GRAND TOTAL ...	337	1,297	27	1,661	146	1,190	1,336	27	6	.....	298	.....	.....	

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CIVIL STATEMENT No. 7.

Statement showing the work of the Civil Appellate Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1926-1927.

APPELLATE COURTS.	Pending at the beginning of year.	Instituted.	Received by transfer.	Total.	DISPOSED OF.								Pending	Over six months.	Over twelve months.	Objections under Order XLI, Rule 22, of the Code of Civil Procedure.	Objections allowed.	REMARKS.
					Transferred.	Dismissed for default.	Compromised.	Modified.	Reversed.	Confirmed.	Remanded.	Total disposed of.						
Civil Side	4	48	.....	52	.....	.....	.....	2	11	21	2	36	16	1	.....	.....	.....	
Ditto, Miscellaneous side.	2	16	.....	18	.....	1	.....	.....	1	3	9	14	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Total ...	6	64	.....	70	.....	1	.....	2	12	24	11	50	20	1	.....	.....	.....	
Rent side	10	16	.....	26	.....	.....	.....	4	4	5	7	20	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Ditto, Miscellaneous ...	5	23	.....	28	.....	5	.....	.....	3	2	11	21	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Total ...	15	39	.....	54	.....	5	.....	4	7	7	18	41	13	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Grand Total ...	21	103	.....	124	.....	6	.....	6	19	31	29	91	33	1	.....	.....	.....	

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CIVIL STATEMENT No. 8.

Statement showing the nature of Miscellaneous cases instituted and disposed of in the Civil Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1926-1927.

Nature of Case.	CIVIL.														RENT.												SMALL CAUSE COURTS UP TO Rs. 100.												Remarks.
	Civil Judge		Sudder Subordinate Courts.		Toofanganj.		Dinhata.		Mathabhanga.		Mekliganj.		Total.		Civil Judge.		Sudder Subordinate Courts.		Toofanganj.		Dinhata.		Mathabhanga.		Mekliganj.		Total.		Sudder.		Toofanganj.		Dinhata.		Mathabhanga.		Mekliganj.		Total.		
	Instituted.	Disposed	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	Instituted.	Disposed of.	
1. Application to revive and review suits.	8	3	49	42	21	13	37	44	65	[illegible]	26	23	201	186	...	..	114	102	15	14	106	126	113	109	40	45	387	406	23	23	1	..	21	26	29	28	10	13	84	89	
2. Claims and objections ..	...	...	7	4	9	11	9	7	15	17	..	..	40	39	..	...	5	5	1	2	6	3	9	7	...	...	21	17	2	2	..	.	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	
3. Resistance of Judicial process.	6	6	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	1	1	7	9	...	2	..	..	..	...	...	..	...	...	5	2	5	4	..	..	...	...	...	...	..	..	3	3	3	3	
4. Pauper applications ...	1	...	4	5	1	1	..	..	..	...	...	...	6	6	..	..	..	...	..	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	
5. Suits under Act VII of 1921	25	21	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	25	21	..	..	..	..	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
6. Suits under Act V of 1898	49	43	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	49	43	...	...	...	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	
7. Probate cases.. ...	13	10	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	13	10	...	...	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	
8. Other miscellaneous suits ..	1	2	37	38	7	10	7	4	29	30	12	17	93	101	..	...	125	113	28	36	60	71	113	141	33	38	359	399	..	..	...	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	2	..	
9. Miscellaneous proceedings of a non-judicial nature.	3	3	...	..	..	...	..	..	...	...	...	..	3	3	..	...	9	7	9	5	13	18	16	21	4	4	53	55	..	..	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	
TOTAL ...	101	90	97	89	37	35	53	55	109	109	39	40	437	418	[illegible]	2	253	227	53	57	184	218	253	278	82	89	825	881	25	25	1	...	21	26	30	28	14	16	91	95	

Non-Judicial

Total Instituted	...	56
Total Disposed of	...	58
Total Pending	...	16

Judicial.

Total Instituted	...	1,297
Total Disposed of	...	1,336
Total Pending	...	298

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CIVIL STATEMENT No. 9.

Statement showing the nature of properties held by Judicial and Ministerial officers in the Cooch Behar State during the year 1926-1927.

Names of Officers.	Nature of property held and its locality.	Held in the name of wife or relation	Description of State authority under which it is held.	Remarks.
Cooch Behar.				
CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE'S OFFICE.				
Srijut Satish Chandra Banerjee, B. L., Civil and Sessions Judge.	House in the town ...	.....	.....	
„ Bishnu Charan Majumdar, Head Clerk and Sheristadar.	Ditto ...	.....	.....	
„ Bhabesh Chandra Banerjee, 2nd Clerk	Ditto ...	.....	.....	
„ Ramani Mohan Chakravarti, Peshkar	Chukani in Sudder ...	Jointly with his brothers.	.....	
„ Kishori Ranjan Ray, Record-keeper.	.....	.....	.....	
„ Kumud Bandhu Sarkar, Bakiat Mohurir.	.....	.....	.....	
„ Priya Nath Ghosh, Execution Mohurir	House in the town ...	.....	.....	
„ Basanta Kumar Bhattacharjee, Comparing Clerk.	.....	.....	.....	
„ Satis Chandra Das Gupta, Nazir...	.....	.....	.....	
Munshi Aftab Uddin Khandakar, Naib Nazir.	.....	.....	.....	
ASSISTANT CIVIL JUDGES' OFFICE.				
Srijut Nogendra Prosad Roy, B.L., Assistant Civil Judge.	Jotes and Chukanies in the Sudder, Dinhata, Mathabhanga and Tufangunj.	Jointly with his brothers.	.....	
Srijut Anukul Chandra Das, Head Clerk and Sheristadar.	House in the town ..	.....	.....	
„ Hem Chandra Bhattacharjee, Peshkar.	Ditto ...	.....	.....	
„ Gopal Chandra Dey, Mohurir	Ditto ...	.....	.....	
„ Mohim Chandra Laskar, Mohurir.	Jote & Chukani in Sudder.	Jointly with his brothers.	.....	
„ Uma Nath Pal, Mohurir ...	Chukani in Sudder ...	Ditto.	.....	
„ Debendra Nath Barua, Mohurir ...	A Jote in Sudder ...	.....	.....	
„ Narayan Chandra Ghosh, Mohurir.	House in the town ...	.....	.....	
Tufangunj.				
Srijut Nirmal Chandra Mustafi Naib Ahilkar.	.....	.....	.....	
„ Pran Nath Chakrabarti, Head Clerk and Sheristadar.	House in the town ...	.....	.....	
„ Gagan Sing Kumar, 2nd Clerk and Peshkar.	2 houses in the town...	.....	.....	
„ Satis Chandra Goon, 3rd Clerk ...	.....	.....	.....	
„ Lalit Mohan Banerjee, Accountant...	.....	.....	.....	
Munshi Jalaluddin Ahmed Mohurir ...	.....	.....	.....	
Srijut Golak Chandra De, Poddar ...	A native Jotedar ...	.....	.....	
„ Harendra Nath Bose, Mohurir ...	A house in the town...	.....	.....	
„ Nibakumar Brahma, Mohurir ...	Ditto. ...	.....	.....	

Statement showing the nature of properties held by Judicial and Ministerial officers in the Cooch Behar State during the year 1926-1927.—(Concluded.)

Names of Officers.	Nature of property held and its locality.	Held in the name of wife or relation.	Description of State authority under which it is held.	Remarks.
Dinhata.				
Srijut Nagendra Nath Ray, B.L., Naib Ahilkar.	.....	.....	.....	
„ Niranjan Sen Gupta, B.L. Additional Naib Ahilkar.	.....	.....	.....	
„ Triguna Charan Chakrabarti, Head Clerk and Sheristadar.	A basha in the town...	.....	.....	
„ Jagat Chandra Bhatta, 2nd Clerk and Peshkar.	Do. and some Jotes & Chukanies in Dinhata & a basha at Sudder.	.....	.....	
„ Chandra Mohan Soud, 3rd clerk & Additonal Peshkar.	Some Jotes & Chukanis in this Sub-division.	.....	.....	
Munshi Jasimuddin Ahmed 4th Clerk ...	.....	.....	.....	
Srijut Kumud Bandhu Biswas, Accountant	A basha in the town...	.....	.....	
„ Purna Chandra Talukdar, Accounts Mohurer.	.....	.....	.....	
„ Parbati Charan Roy, Accounts Mohurer.	Shares of Chukanis and basha at Dinhata.	.....	.....	
„ Bejey Gobinda Mittra, Offg. Poddar.	2 jotes in Dinhata.	.....	.....	
„ Pravash Chandra Bhattacharjee, Mohurir.	A basha in this town...	.....	.....	
„ Kshitish Chandra Bhattacharjee, Mohurer.	Ditto ...	.....	.....	
Munshi Baktaruddin Ahamed Rent Suit Mohurer.	A basha in Dinhata town & some jotes & chukanis in that Sub-division.	.....	.....	
Srijut Shashi B. Guha, Comparing Clerk...	A basha in the town	.....	.....	
Mathabhanga.				
Munshi Abdul Hossein Ahmed, 2nd Clerk and Peshkar.	A basha in the town	Wife.	.....	
Srijut Bankim Chandra Mazumdar, 3rd Clerk and Additional Peshkar.	Ditto ...	.....	.....	
„ Adul Chandra Ray, Dewani Mohurer	Ditto ...	.....	.....	
„ Loke Nath Das, Rent Mohurer ...	Do. and 3 bighas of land.	.....	.....	
„ Dhirendra Nath Chakravartti, Mohurir.	A basha in the town	.....	.....	
„ Surendra Mohan Brahma, Accountant	A basha & some jotes in Mathabhanga.	Jointly with his brothers.	.....	
Munshi Nasiruddin Ahmed, Accounts Mohurer.	A basha in the town	.....	.....	
Srijut Srish Chandra Roy, Accounts Mohurir.	Ditto ...	.....	.....	
Mekliguni.				
Srijut Manbendra Nath Bhattacharjee, Naib Ahilkar.	A house in taluk Khagrabari & jotes and Brahmatter lands in Sudder.	.....	.....	
„ Kshitish Chandra Bhattacharjee, Head Clerk & Sheristadar.	.....	.....	.....	
„ Narendra Nath Adhikary, 3rd Clerk and Additional Peshkar.	Shares of jotes and Chukanis at Sudder & Dinhata.	.....	.....	
„ Nanda Kumar Barman, 3rd Clerk...	Some Chukanis in this Sub-division.	.....	.....	
„ Nibaran Chandra Roy, Accountant.	A basha in the town and the other in Mathabhanga and some jotes	.....	.....	
„ Mohendra Nath Adhikari, Accounts Mohurer.	A house in the Mekliganj and some jotes.	.....	.....	
„ Bhabendra Narayan Das, Poddar ...	Ditto ...	.....	.....	
„ Jatindra Nath Kar, Mohurir ...	.....	.....	.....	
„ Sarat Chandra Mozumdar, Rent Suit Mohurir.	A basha in the town	.....	.....	
„ Indra Nath Das Buxi ...	A house in taluk Lothamari & some jotes in this Sub-division.	.....	.....	

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CIVIL STATEMENT No. 10.

Statement showing the Receipts and Charges in respect of Ameens employed in the Cooch Behar State for the year 1926-1927.

NAME OF COURT.	Ameen's Fees.				Time employed.	Number of Ameens.	CHARGES.			Number of Ameen's peons.	PROCESS FEES.			AMEEN'S PEON'S CHARGES.			REMARKS.
	Rs	A.	P.				Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	
Civil Judge	90	0	0		18 days						3	0	0				
Assistant Civil Judge	340	0	0		68 ,,						33	0	0				
Sudder Naib Ahilkar	20	0	0		4 ,,						2	4	0				
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj (Civil) ...	120	0	0		24 ,,						6	0	0				
Ditto, Ditto (Rent) ...	15	0	0		3						0	8	0				
Ditto, Dinhata (Civil) ...	135	0	0		27 ,,	1	(a) 1,191	15	0	2				(b) 240	0	0	(a) This includes Rs. 11-15-0 for contingencies. (b) This includes Rs. 24 for grain compensation allowance.
Ditto, Ditto (Rent) ...	15	0	0		3 ,,						5	8	0				
Ditto, Mathabhanga (Civil) ...	60	0	0		12 ,,						2	0	0				
Ditto, Ditto (Rent) ...	75	0	0		15 ,,						2	8	0				
Ditto, Mekligunj (Civil) ...																	
Ditto, Ditto (Rent) ...																	
Total ...	870	0	0		174 days	1	1,191	15	0	2	54	8	0	240	0	0	

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CIVIL STATEMENT No. 11.

Statement showing the receipts and charges in respect of the Process Service Establishment of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1926-1927.

NAMES OF COURTS.	Number of processes issued.	Process-service fees.	Number of processes served.	Salary of Nazir and Process-servers.	Daily average of distance travelled by each peon.	REMARKS.
		Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.		
Civil.						
Civil Judge's Court	8,686	1,183 4 0	3,577	8,609 2 2	7·6 miles	
Assistant Civil Judge's Court	1,605	1,387 0 0	1,541			
Toofanguni ditto	1,554	1,294 8 0	1,489	1,101 15 4	4·93 "	
Dinhata ditto	1,870	1,562 12 0	1,696	1,387 9 4	8·35 "	
Mathabhanga ditto	2,318	1,847 0 0	1,932	1,615 11 8	6·9 "	
Mekliganj ditto	1,121	1,036 12 0	1,031	1,111 11 1	3·49 "	
Rent.						
Civil Judge's Court	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Assistant Civil Judge's Court	5,487	5,087 0 0	5,361	.....	.....	
Toofanguni ditto	1,735	1,647 8 0	1,678	.....	.....	
Dinhata ditto	6,264	5,608 0 0	5,936	.....	.....	
Mathabhanga ditto	8,045	6,063 8 0	5,830	.....	.....	
Mekliganj ditto	3,127	3,493 12 0	3,012	.....	.....	
Small Cause Courts.						
Assistant Civil Judge's Court	1,161	873 0 0	1,159	.....	.....	
Toofanguni ditto	119	95 8 0	117	.....	.....	
Dinhata ditto	787	592 4 0	726	.....	.....	
Mathabhanga ditto	1,150	949 0 0	1,115	.....	.....	
Mekliganj ditto	434	319 12 0	404	.....	.....	
Total ...	40,418	33,043 8 0	36,604	13,826 1 7	.....	

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FROM

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Judicial Member, Regency Council, in charge Registration Department, Cooch Behar.

To

HER HIGHNESS THE PRESIDENT, REGENCY COUNCIL,
COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 6th July 1927.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Administration of the Registration Department of the State for the year 1926-27. The Annual Returns Nos. I to X are, as usual, hereto appended.

2. *Charge.*—Srijut Satish Chandra Banerjee, B.L., remained in charge of the office of Registrar of Deeds throughout the year.

3. *Changes among the Sub-Registrars.*—The following table shows the personnel of Sub-Registrars in the several Registration offices in the State:—

Sub-divisions.	Names of officers.	Terms of employments.
Sudder ...	Srijut Nagendra Nath Roy, B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From the 1st of April, 1926 to the 7th of January 1927.
Ditto ...	" Dakshina Ranjan Dhar, B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From the 8th of January 1927 to the 31st of March 1927.
Dinhata ...	Ditto.	From the 1st of April 1926 to the 6th of January 1927.
Ditto ...	" Niranjan Sen Gupta, M.A., B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From the 7th to the 12th of January, 1927.
Ditto ...	" Nagendra Nath Roy, B.L., Sub-Registrar	From the 18th of January to the 31st of March 1927.
Mathabhanga ...	" Uma Nath Dutt, B.L., Sub-Registrar ...	From the 1st of April 1926 to the 6th of January 1927.
Ditto ...	" Dwijendra Chandra Sen, B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From the 7th to the 12th of January, 1927.
Ditto ...	" Sarat Chandra Ghoshal, M.A., B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From the 13th of January to the 31st of March 1927.
Mekliganj ...	Moulavi Baslay Rahaman Sarkar, B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From the 1st of April to the 22nd of October 1926.
Ditto ...	Srijut Nagendra Nath Ray, B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From the 27th of October 1926 to the 11th of January 1927.
Ditto ...	" Manabendra Nath Bhattacharjee, B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From the 12th of January to the 31st of March, 1927.
Tufanganj ...	Ditto.	From 1st to 18th April 1926 and from 23rd May to 8th June 1926.
Ditto ...	" Himadriballabh Biswas, M.A., B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From 19th April to 22nd May 1926.
Ditto ...	" Nirmal Chandra Mustafi, B.L., Sub-Registrar.	From 9th June 1926 to the 31st of March 1927.

4. *Variations as regards documents, compulsory and optional.*—Table No. I compares the numbers of documents, compulsory and optional, presented for registration during the year under report with those of the year previous. The number of deeds, the registration of which is compulsory was 11,589 against 12,512 of the year preceding, showing a decrease of 923 deeds and that of deeds of which registration is optional, was 6,938 against 7,814 of the year previous, showing a decrease of 876 deeds.

5. *Variations as regards the different kinds of documents presented for registration.*—Table No. II compares the numbers of documents of different kinds presented for registration during the year under report with those of the year previous. The total number of deeds of all classes presented for registration during the year under report was 18,527 against 20,326 of the year preceding, showing a decrease of 1,799 deeds.

6. The increase and decreases under the different heads of documents are shown below:—

Increase.—	
Wills	7
Decreases.—	
Leases	876
Usufructuary mortgages	42
Sales	500
Gifts	18
Simple mortgages	200
Obligations for payment of money	19
Miscellaneous	151
Total ...	1,806

The decrease under head "Leases" is due to the fact that a large number of settlements of undertenures having been made since the introduction of the Tenancy Act and the commencement of the resettlement operations in the State there are fewer available lands for settlement. The decreases under heads "Sales" and "Simple mortgages" point to an improvement in the financial condition of the people during the year under report.

The decreases under the other heads are small and call for no explanation.

7. *Variations as regards the number of documents presented for registration in the different offices.*—The following table compares the number of documents presented for registration in the different offices during the year under report with that in the year preceding:—

Names of Offices.	No. of deeds presented for registration.		Increase.	Decrease.
	1925-26.	1926-27.		
Registrar's and Sudder Sub-Registrar's offices.	5,675	5,341	.....	334
Dinhata office	5,100	4,317	.....	783
Mathabhanga do.	3,871	3,326	.....	545
Mekligunj do.	2,429	2,342	.....	87
Tufangunj do.	3,251	3,201	.....	50
Total	20,326	18,527	.....	1,799

8. *Number of deeds actually registered.*—Of the 18,527 documents presented for registration, 34 were refused registration and 22 were pending at the close of the year and the remaining 18,471 deeds were actually registered. Besides these, of the documents which had been pending registration from the previous year, 14 were admitted to registration during the year under report. Thus the total number of deeds actually registered during the year was 18,485.

9. *Progress in the work of Copying.*—Of the 18,485 deeds admitted to registration none remained to be copied at the end of the year.

10. *Registration by the Registrar of Deeds.*—The Registrar of Deeds registered 16 deeds in the year under report against 24 of the previous year, yeilding fees amounting to Rs. 156 against Rs. 257-4 in the year previous.

11. *Registration under the Companies Act.*—There was no registration under the Companies Act during the year under report.

12. *Appeals and petitions.*—There were 4 petitions under Section 73 of the Registration Act before the Registrar for disposal during the year under review. None of these remained pending at the close of the year.

13. *Receipts.*—The total receipts under all heads during the year amounted to Rs. 21,516-6 against Rs. 21,967 of the year previous, showing a decrease of Rs. 450-10. The decrease is due to the decrease in the number of deeds presented for registration. It will be noted that compared with the decrease in the number of deeds, the decrease in receipts is but normal. This is due to the increase in the value of the documents consequent upon the increase in the value of the lands with regard to the tenures of the lowest grades.

14. *Disbursements.*—The total disbursements of the department during the year amounted to Rs. 12,271-8-7 against Rs. 13,526-5-11 of the year preceding, showing a decrease of Rs. 1,254-13-4. The decrease is due to the introduction from the 1st November 1926, of fixed registration allowances to the Sub-Registrars in place of commission at 25 per cent of the fees collected, which was previously drawn by them.

15. *Net gain to the State.*—The net balance received by the State during the year was Rs. 9,244-13-5 against Rs. 8,440-10-1 of the previous year, showing an increase of Rs. 804-3-4. The increase was due to the large decrease in expenditure.

16. *Remuneration to Sub-Registrars.*—All the Sub-Registrars were remunerated by commission at Rs. 25 per cent on the fees collected until the 1st November 1926 from when they have been allowed a fixed registration allowance of Rs. 50 each per month.

17. *Conduct of Officers.*—All the Sub-Registrars and the ministerial staff generally worked satisfactorily.

I have the honour to be,
YOUR HIGHNESS'
Most obedient servant,
H. L. KHASTGIR,
Judicial Member, Regency Council,
Registration Deaprtment, Cooch Behar.

I.—*Comparative table shewing the number of deeds, compulsory and optional.*

YEARS.	Compulsory.	Optional.	Total.	Amount of fees realized on documents presented for registration.
				Rs. A. P.
1925-1926	12,512	7,814	20,326	19,614 4 0
1926-1927	11,589	6,938	18,527	19,298 4 0
Increase	.....	.....	.....	.....
Decrease	923	876	1,799	316 0 0

II.—*Comparative table showing the number of deeds of the different classes presented for registration in 1925-26 and 1926-27.*

YEARS.	Leases.	Usufructuary mortgages.	Sales.	Gifts.	Simple mortgages.	Obligations for payment of money.	Wills.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
1925-1926	6,654	542	7,863	243	3,060	521	14	1,429	20,326
1926-1927	5,778	500	7,363	225	2,860	502	21	1,278	18,527
Increase... ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Decrease... ...	876	42	500	18	200	19	...	151	1,799

III.—*Table shewing the number of deeds presented for registration in the different offices.*

OFFICES.	Leases.	Usufructuary mortgages.	Sales.	Gifts.	Simple mortgages.	Obligations for payment of money.	Wills.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
Registrar's and Sudder Sub-Registrar's offices ...	1,854	69	1,951	62	881	114	11	449	5,341
Dinhata office	1,858	14	1,814	49	597	159	3	823	4,317
Mathabhanga do	904	61	1,420	49	546	144	3	199	3,326
Mekliganj do	298	342	1,069	36	503	18	1	75	2,342
Tufanganj do	1,364	14	1,109	29	888	67	3	232	3,201
TOTAL ...	5,778	500	7,363	225	2,860	502	21	1,278	18,527

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IV.—*Table shewing the amount of Receipts and Disbursements of the Registration Department for the year* 1926-1927.

Names of Offices.	RECEIPTS.			DISBURSEMENTS					Excess of Expenditure over Receipt.	Excess of Receipt over Expenditure.	Balance of the last two columns.
	Registration, Copying and Searching fees &c.	Fines &c	Total.	Permanent and temporary establishments.	Current and extraordinary contingencies.	Remuneration to Sub-Registrars.	Refund of fees on documents refused registraation.	Total.			
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Registrar's and Sudder Sub-Registrar's Offices ...	5,664 10 0	137 4 0	5,801 14 0	3,098 13 7	1,043 5 6	1,007 4 0	.....	5,149 7 1	.....	652 6 11	652 6 11
Dinhata. ...	4,538 1 0	129 4 0	4,667 5 0	1,072 4 8	39 13 0	785 5 10	.....	1,897 7 6	.....	2,769 13 6	2,769 13 6
Mathabhanga ...	4,181 10 0	193 12 0	4,375 6 0	1,033 13 2	59 4 6	785 5 11	.....	1,878 7 7	.....	2,496 14 5	2,496 14 5
Mekliganj ...	3,630 15 0	215 4 0	3,846 3 0	923 4 6	90 14 0	775 11 1	.....	1,789 13 7	.....	2,056 5 5	2,056 5 5
Tufanganj ...	2,774 2 0	51 8 0	2,825 10 0	931 0 2	54 0 2	571 4 6	.....	1,556 4 10	.....	1,269 8 2	1,269 8 2
Total ...	20,789 6 0	727 0 0	21,516 6 0	7,059 4 1	1,287 5 2	3,924 15 4	.....	12,271 8 7	.....	9,244 13 5	9,244 13 5

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V.—*Table shewing the nature of deeds registered and the amount of fees realised by the Registrar himself.*

Leases.		Usufructuary mortgages.		Sales.		Gifts.		Simple mortgages.		Obligations for payment of money.		Wills.		Miscellaneous.		Total.	
No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No	Fees.
	Rs. A.		Rs. A.		Rs. A.		Rs. A.		Rs. A.		Rs. A.		Rs. A.		Rs. A.		Rs. A
2	6 8	...	...	6	64 8	...	...	7	74 4	...	...	...	...	1	10 12	16	156 (

VI.—*Table shewing progress in the work of copying.*

OFFICES.	Deeds copied.	Deeds remained to be copied.	Refused.	Pending.	Pending deeds of previous year admitted.	REMARKS.
Registrar's and Sudder Sub-Registrar's offices.	5,332	.....	8	8	2	
Dinhata	4,309	.....	4	10	6	
Mathabhanga	3,316	.....	10	2	2	
Mekligunj	2,337	.....	5	1	1	
Toofangunj	3,191	.....	12	1	3	

VII.—*Abstract statement of deeds registered and of receipts and disbursements of the Registration Department for the year* 1926-1927.

OFFICES.	Number of Deeds presented for Registration.		Value of property affected.	Amount of fees and fines realized.	Cost of Establishment.	Remuneration to Sub-Registrars.	Refund of fees.	Contingencies.
	Compulsory.	Optional.						
			Rs.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Registrar's & Sudder Sub-Registrar's Offices ...	3,154	2,187	8,27,896	5,801 14 0	3,098 13 7	1,007 4 0	.....	1,043 5 6
Dinhata	2,758	1,559	5,11,956	4,667 5 0	1,072 4 8	785 5 10	.....	39 13 0
Mathabhanga	2,168	1,268	6,91,636	4,375 6 0	1,033 13 2	785 5 11	.....	59 4 6
Mekligunj	1,643	692	8,55,690	3,846 3 0	923 4 6	775 11 1	.....	90 14 0
Toofangunj	1,971	1,230	3,63,512	2,825 10 0	931 0 2	571 4 6	.....	54 0 2
TOTAL ...	11,589	6,936	32,50,690	21,516 6 0	7,059 4 1	3,924 15 4	.....	1,287 5 2

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VIII.—*Comparative statement of deeds registered and of receipts and disbursements for the years 1925-26 and 1926-27.*

Years.	Number of deeds registered.		Amount of fees and fines realised.	Cost of Establishment.	Remuneration to Sub-Registrars.	Contingencies.	Refund of fees.	Total Expenditure.	Balance received by the State.
	Compulsory.	Optional.							
			Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1925-26 ...	12,512	7,814	21,967 0 0	6,966 14 8	5,268 10 3	1,290 13 0	.....	13,526 5 11	8,440 10 1
1926-27 ...	11,589	6,938	21,516 6 0	7,059 4 1	3,924 15 4	1,287 5 2	.....	12,271 8 7	9,244 13 5
Increase ...	...	...	.....	92 5 5	.....	.....	.....	.....	804 3 4
Decrease ..	923	876	450 10 0	.....	1,343 10 11	3 7 10	.....	1,254 13 4	.....

IX.—*Table shewing the institution and disposal of appeals preferred against the decisions of the Sub-Registrars.*

OFFICES.	No. of Appeals and petitions pending at the end of the last year.	No. of Appeals instituted.	No. of petitions instituted.	Total.	Decreed.	Dismissed.	Total disposed of.	Pending.
Sudder	.....	...	1	1	1	...	1	...
Dinhata	.....	...	...	...	...	..	...	...
Mathabharga ...	.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mekliganj	.....	...	1	1	1	...	1	...
Toofanganj	.....	...	2	2	1	1	2	...
Total ...	.....	...	4	4	3	1	4	...

X.—*Table shewing the ratio of the different classes of documents.*

Leases.	Usufructuary Mortgages.	Sales.	Gifts.	Simple mortgages.	Obligations for payment of money.	Wills.	Miscellaneous.
·31	·02	·40	·01	·15	·02	·001	·06

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FROM

THE AUDIT OFFICER OF THE STATE,
COOCH BEHAR.

To

HER HIGHNESS THE MAHARANI SAHEBA,
PRESIDENT, REGENCY COUNCIL, COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 15th July 1927.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honour to submit herewith the Financial Report of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1926-27 and to append the following statements which will afford all the materials necessary for an appreciation of the financial situation in the year under report as compared with that in the year 1925-26 :—

(1) Comparative Statement of Revenue and Expenditure of the State for the years 1925-26 and 1926-27.

(2) Comparative Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of the State for the years 1925-26 and 1926-27.

(3) Ledger Balance of the accounts with the Cooch Behar State as they stood on the 31st March 1926.

2. The total aggregate revenues anticipated in the Revised Estimate for the year under report were Rs. 39,27,448 but the actuals of the year came up to Rs. 39,85,817, thereby showing an improvement of Rs. 58,369. Again, the Revised Estimate provided for payments aggregating as Rs. 42,40,980 but actual payments brought to account during the year amounted to Rs. 41,25,148 resulting in a saving of Rs. 1,15,832. The anticipated deficit of Rs. 3,13,532 in the Revised Estimate was thus reduced, when the actuals were brought to account, to a sum of [Rs. 3,13,532 – (Rs. 58,369 + Rs. 1,15,832)] = Rs. 1,39,331. The large savings in the Revised Estimate are due to the overestimate of expenditure by the departmental heads which accounts for the wide divergence between the Revised Estimate and the actuals every year.

3. The actual revenue and expenditure for the year under report and the important fluctuations under the various heads as compared with those of the preceding year are discussed below :—

A.—REVENUE.

The revenue of the year 1926-27 amounted to Rs. 39,85,817 against Rs. 38,66,879 of the previous year showing a net increase of Rs. 1,18,938. The increase occurred mainly under the following heads :—

I.—GENERAL REVENUE.—

	Rs.
(c) *Excise.*—due mainly to increased receipts under "License fee on liquors and drugs" and "Sale of opium"	+34,853
(e) *Sundries.*— due mainly to the transfer to the State Cash of a sum of Rs. 45,000 from the Pound Fund to meet a portion of the expenditure in connection with the Water Works Scheme at Cooch Behar...	+37,426

III.—MISCELLANEOUS.— Rs.

(d) *Public Works.*—due mainly to larger receipts in the Artisans School on account of larger sale of manufactured articles ... +8,224

V.—COOCH BEHAR STATE RAILWAY.—due to larger earnings both under "Coaching" and "Goods" ... ... +24,420

VI.—HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA'S ESTATES.—

(b) *Chaklajat Estates.*—due to better collections of rents and Debutter receipts than last year which was affected most unfavourably in consequence of the failure of jute crops ... ... +27,133

There was, however, a drop of receipts under III.—Miscellaneous (e) Sundries (–Rs. 6,145) due mainly to certain abnormal items included in the actuals of 1925-26, that is, Rs. 1,000 for Racing Stable and Rs. 3,050 for Sale of elephants, etc. not coming in the year under report and also to decrease under miscellaneous receipts. The decrease of Rs. 5,019 under VI.—His Highness the Maharaja's Estates (a) Darjeelling Estate is mainly due to shorter receipts of house rents and that of Rs. 7,334 under (c) Panga Estate is due to shorter receipts under the head "Miscellaneous."

B.—EXPENDITURE.

The expenditure of the year 1926-27 amounted to Rs. 41,25,148 against Rs. 40,61,381 showing an increase of Rs. 63,767 which is mainly attributable to the increased expenditure under the following heads:—

Rs.

I.—CIVIL LIST.—due to an increase of Rs. 40,000 for additional travelling expenses incurred by His Highness and family and for the purchase of Carpets etc. for the Palace and of about Rs. 10,000 for His Highness' Household expenses ... ... +50,342

II.—ADMINISTRATION.—

(2) *General* ... ... +4,72,159

The large increase is accounted for as follows:—

(c) *Jail.*—An increase of Rs. 42,898 over last year's expenditure due mainly to the increased expenditure under the head "Rice Mill."

(d) *Police.*—An increase of Rs. 9,656 due mainly to the expenditure in connection with the Fire Brigade which was re-organised last year and to the non-recurring expenditure for the improvement of Parade and Sports ground (Rs. 1,666), for the re-excavation of Police Lines Tank (Rs. 1,500), for repairs to Police buildings (Rs. 1,950).

The State grant to the Communication Improvement Fund for the year under report was Rs. 1,11,768 against Rs. 1,05,484.